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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
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### Monmouth County Board of Agriculture

Agriculture Building  
4000 Kozloski Road  
Freehold, NJ 07722

December 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 by President Gary DeFelice

**In Attendance:** Robin Bruins, Marty Bullock, Pat Butch, Ross Clayton, Patrick DePalma, Gary DeFelice, Wickie Hom, Deb Kauffman, Doug Kauffman, Nyna McKittrick, Hugh McKittrick, Bill Sciarappa, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Walker,

**Guests:** Ed Kosenski, John Neyhart  
The invocation was given by Robin Bruins

**Secretary's report-** The Minutes from September 20, 2011 should reflect the re-organization meeting which took place following the regular meeting. The board will consist of President- Gary DeFelice, VP- Debi Kauffman, Corresponding Robin Bruins, Recording Secretary -Nyna McKittrick, and Treasurer- Ross Clayton-- motion by J. Wikoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Bruins. Approved

The Treasurer's report was accepted in a motion by M. Bullock 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Bruins. Approved

**Correspondence-** Henry DuBois, President of the State Board of Agriculture-Requesting a commitment from county boards to continue to seek funding for extension positions and for county's Board of Managers (BOM) representatives to attend board meetings.

Jeanette Rea Keywood- Thank you for the Board's financial support of the State Small Animal Show.

### Reports-

**Bill Sciarappa, Extension-** 4 secretaries are now in place at the office. Handed out "Changing Times", which featured an article about the board's presentation of the plaque dedicated to Ted Narozanick in the Ag building. New solar array will provide extra energy to the grid. Extension agent position will be filled on a part time basis.

**Hugh McKittrick -State Board-** Convention with vegetable growers and the state at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City Jan. 17-19<sup>th</sup>.

Rutgers provided a budget of monies spent at the last state board meeting. Dr. Katz will be visiting counties to explain the use of funds for personnel. Senator Jennifer Beck has re- introduced a bill regarding farmland assessment, which has provisions for how many animals could be kept and how they could be kept per acre. The under Secretary of the USDA and Paul Hlubik will be at the state convention to address crop insurance issues. An Agriculture museum building has been proposed in Middlesex County.

**Tim Dey, FSA**-Written Report- DCP signup 2012 contracts from Jan 23- June1. SURE program signups Nov.1- June 1. MAP crop insurance signup. ECP can help with up to 75% for repairs from the hurricane during the entire month of August for erosion damage, conservation projects and other related storm damage.

**Pat Butch- Board of Managers**-There was a university report about merging the three schools. A hand out about stink bugs and the crops they like to eat. Bond issue question regarding capitol improvements; and an update on the search for a new university president.

\*REMINDER\* Manure Management Plans need to be filed by March 1, 2012.

**Bill Walker, NJDA**- Aquaculture Development Plan- recommendations for programs that can be accomplished without funding.

NJ ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Christmas tree growers with 1,150 farms growing 79,000 trees. Schools in Bogota, Englewood, West Orange, Hamilton and Linden won awards from the state for their nutrition programs, “Jets Eat Right, Move More” program

**FFA- John Neyhart**- State Ag educators are concerned about the proposed change in farm labor laws that could limit what FFA Students could do in their career development education (CDE) projects that are an integral part to the program. There is also concern about a Bill, “Safe Playing Fields” that would prohibit the use of pesticides on playing fields and how it would impact the turf management program. Students helped glean food for Farmers Against Hunger which is lead by former ag ed teacher Kris Guttadora. A request for continued funding for Ag educators in the schools.

**New Business**-Bill Sciarappa – Discussion about an Equine type fair that would be held in September and would be a 501C Event.

The meeting schedule was distributed for the upcoming year.

**Old Business**- Millstone received a grant for \$250,000 to purchase a 7.5 acre parcel which is expected to be used for Ag education. The board was thanked for their letter of support. Discussion on the financial pledge from the board regarding the extension position. President Gary DeFelice is forming a committee to provide and detail information for Dr. Katz’s visit. A motion was made to purchase a table at the state Ag convention by Marty Bullock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Kauffman. Approved

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug. Kauffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Angelo Trapani. Approved

Minutes submitted by Nyna McKittrick

**Next meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 at the Agriculture Building.**

**February 21, 2012 meeting will feature Dr. Larry Katz**

*Senior Associate Director- NJ Agricultural Experiment Station.*

*Director- Rutgers Cooperative Extension.*

*Professor, Animal Sciences*

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Department of Animal Sciences