

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture
Agriculture Building
4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:36pm on January 24, 2012 by President Gary DeFelice

In Attendance: Pat Butch, Patrick DePalma, Gary DeFelice, Deb Kauffman, Doug Kauffman, Bill Sciarappa, Angelo Trapani, Ann Trapani, Tim Dey, Jim Wikoff, Meg Whitehouse, Denise Knapp, Jacquelyn Knapp, Ed Wenyrgn, Bill Potter, Grank Allocco

The invocation was given by: Bill Potter

Secretary's report: Pat Butch requested that a correction in the Board of Managers report from the Minutes on 12/20/2011 be noted that the three schools are joining with the college some time in the future NOT merging as it had indicated in the minutes. With this correction in place the minutes were then approved and a motion was made and so moved by the board.

The Treasurer's report: was accepted a motion by J Wikoff 2nd B Potter. a motion was made and so moved by the board.

Correspondence- Monmouth Cty Corresponding Secretary Robin Bruins reached out to Chairman Kluchinski and Dean Goodman back in December and received feed back on the concerns the board has on the fact the the staffing vacancies are not a priority at this time. With this in mind, Monmouth Cty has Dr Katz coming to talk to the Board Feb 21 to discuss this matter in detail and depth.

FFA is having a Hunger Banquet feb 22 at the FTHS Cafeteria 6-8 admission is \$2.

Middlesex Cty Bd of Ag also voicing concerns with vacancies with the agents that are retiring and not being replaced have issued a letter to the college and forward a letter to all Boards to let them know how they feel about the frustration on there part.

Reports

Bill Sciarappa, Extension- NJ Veg Growers Show was very well attended in Atlantic City, over 1000 in attendance this year. It was held in conduction with the NJ State Ag Convention so it was a two for one this year and seemed to run well. Governor Christie was there for the convention dinner and at the resolutions Senator Sweeny stopped by and spoke.

Feb 3 is the Central Jersey Work Shop here in the Freehold Building. March 8 is the Ornamental Turf call the office for more info on this meeting. Big news on **SEPT 29 OPEN SPACE PACE**

This is a new organization wanting to hold on to the horse industry in NJ. More will come, great things on the horizon.

Also the office is looking into as seed treating venture. this is something new and a project that is in the works more to follow but if you have any question please call the office for information.

Bill Walker, NJDA:FAX Report Over- NJ farm Bureau was Presented with the 2011 Governor's Trophy for Horseperson of the Year at the 55th annual NJ Bred Equine Breeder Award Luncheon. Nj was listed as one of the largest states that recycles Ag Plastics in the country. Dead line for Animal Waste Management is coming up March 16 is closing in... A new plant lab Chemist is on board with us now Yong Pu has joined the Department and will manage the laboratory chemical safety programs within agriculture

Ed Wenyrgn, Farm Bureau: Nice surprlice to get award of horse person of the year. Wine bill did get passed and signed by the Governor, this will help state wineries with at least a 5% growth rate with this new ruling. Raw milk is still on the table, thing are look bleak but still a lot of juggling going on in the house at the moment so it could turn positive at any minute. Southern Pine Beetle is coming up this way from the south. Slowly creeping to the north and issue could start as early as next year. The section is coming to end and the Farm bill is starting to Heat up in Washington so watch for signs.

Tim Dey, FSA-2012 DCP signup Jan 23 don't forget!!! SurE program for 2010 Nov 14 ends June 1 2012... NAP Deadline is March 15 for your cukes eggplants, tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, beans, just name a few so call the office, so you don't miss it.

Pat Butch- Board of Managers- NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

REMINDER Manure Management Plans need to be filed by March 16, 2012.

New Business-

Ann Trapani Discussion about bags for the up coming fair and how to handle the buy in for the adds by the farmers so we are not stuck with a non payment like we were last year. For the cost of the add on the bag and the amount for bags handed out at the fair the price is more then reasonable. Sub committee was chosen and a motion was made and so moved by the board. \$1500 for bags to purchase and a \$125 advertisement per customer upon payment once it has cleared. a motion was made and so moved by the board.

The **Monmouth County Board of Agriculture** is having there Annual Dinner this year at Main Street Bistro, 30 East Main Street, Freehold – Saturday February 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person with a cash bar. If you have not already mailed your invitation in please call the office and let them know you are coming for a head count. Thank you.

Gary DeFelice working on the updated version of the committee List and it will be revised and available shortly.

Old Business- Draft for the Dr. Katz meeting with is coming along. Pat Butch is the Chair any questions or comments please contact her at BrightMeadows1@aol.com. Remember that the meeting for the 21 will begin 7pm sharp. We will have all of the reports faxed over early and if you have any questions that can be addressed prior to the meeting.

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

Respectfully Summited by Debi Kauffman Vice President Monmouth Cty Bd of Ag.