

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
MINUTES FEB 17, 2009

Mtg called to order 7:43

Invocation Don Pyle

Attendees: Tom Freiberger, Gary DeFelice, Ross Clayton, Nyna McKittrick, Rich Obal, Bill Sciarappa, Scott Ellis, Ed Wengryn, Donald Pyle, Marty Bullock, Bob Freiberger, Art West, Anna Trapani, Bill Potter, Wickie Hom, William McCormack, Jim Wikoff, Boots Cassie

Guests: David Sagui, Jessica Sagui 4-H Horse Project, Wayne Van Hise, Jeff Szalc  
Monmouth County Park System/Fair

Minutes of last meeting- Accepted after change made re appt to MCADB. 1<sup>st</sup> Marty Bullock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Freiberger

Treasurers Report- Ross Clayton- Motion to accept Don Pyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boots Cassie, accepted

Correspondence- Request for donation to American Youth Council

Request for Donation NJ Museum Of Ag

Request to help remove Dean Goodman as director NJAES

Robert Clark MC Planning Board unable to attend dinner

**REPORTS- Rich Obal** No layoffs in office. March 4 Landscape and Nursery Meeting. Director of NJ Landscaping Carl Quaza leaving his position. How to save Cream Ridge facility.

**Bill Sciarappa-** Veg. meeting had great turnout. Rich Niewenhouse and Tom Freiberger spoke. Veg. Reference book available \$10.00. Ramapo project going well and new tomato “mortan” being looked at. Pumpkin school mtg low attendance due to weather.

Several new fungicides coming out, as others removed. Rain Garden Demo’s are continuing to be booked. Grant received for summer class on sustainable farming.

**Ed Wengryn-** Renewable Energy Training March 6. Grants available for solar from USDA. Continuing talks on ag drivers licenses. NJ Sec. of Ag Doug Fisher.

**Bill Walker- April 24-26 HSUS** Animal Disaster Response Team Training. Classes held at Ricks saddle shop. Gypsy moth decline, weather helping. Monies set aside for specialty crops need to be spent before June.

**Scott Ellis-** State charging tax on gators, no longer farm trans.. D+R canal, new rules about land on either side of the canal. Teir system push for Dept. of Ag funding. DEP moving to electronic permit for storm water.

New Business-

Jeff Szalc Monmouth County Fair will have more free family events. Space for MCBOA available w/ tent.

Marty Bullock- State Envirothon seeking funding. Motion for 250.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Wikoff. Approved. Also Garden State Preservation Trust funding looking for suggestions.

Bill McCormack- “Carbon Keeper” New York Times article about a suggestion to reduce carbon. Meeting Closed 9:17 Next Meeting March 17, 2009

Submitted By Nyna McKittrick Corresponding Sec.