



The executive Committee of the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture met on April 19, 2011, at the Agriculture Building in Freehold for the regular meeting. President Gary DeFelice opened the meeting with a flag salute at 7:37 pm. The following were present: Frank Allocco, Pat Butch, Martin Bullock, Robin Bruins, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Patrick DePalma, Bob Freiberger, Tom Freiberger, Wickie Hom, Debi Kauffman, Hugh McKittrick, Nyna McKittrick, Rich Obal, Bill Potter, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Walker, Ed Wengryn, Meg Whitehouse, Jim Wikoff.

Guests: Joseph Ingersol-Maher, Rob Swanekamp.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Ross Clayton. Mr. DeFelice asked for an approval of the Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve was made by T. Freiberger. Approved

March Minutes: Submitted by Nyna McKittrick. Mr. DeFelice asked for an approval of the March meetings Minutes. A motion to approve was made by T. Freiberger.

Approved

Correspondences:

-From the Township of Millstone, to Lt Gov. Guadagno, regarding tractor movement on Sundays and unnecessary police actions on farmers.. A motion was made to draft a letter to other NJ counties to ask for support on this issue by N. McKittrick. Approved

-Clair McKittrick, FFA Freehold Township – Thank you for sponsoring Anthony Santoriello and herself at the Board's dinner. Thank you for continued support of FFA.

- Robin Bruins-Stars and Stripes Livestock Inc .- Request for financial support.

A motion to donate \$1000.00 to the event was made by R. Clayton. Approved.

-Sec. Doug Fisher-SADC prepared to seek Garden State Preservation trust (GSPT) approval of it's funding request.

-FFA-Allentown-Thank you continued financial support.

Joseph Ingersol-Maher-Rutgers NJ Ag Experiment Station-Request for farms in Monmouth County to join the IPM program. \$450.00 fee + fees per acre for scouting. 732-932-9802 for information. <http://www.maher@njaes.rutgers.edu>

Agents' Report: Rich Obal reported the following:

-Agriculture behind schedule for planting.

-Princeton Nurseries tract preserved

-Retiring in September 2011

Hugh McKittrick-State Board-

-State Convention and Vegetable Growers Convention may be combined at an Atlantic City location over 5 days. Please call the State Board with your comments. There was a discussion regarding displays at the convention. There was a discussion regarding timing, weather conditions and conflicting date concerns at the convention.

Ed Wengryn- FB

-Monmouth County will have new legislators due to new redistricting map.

-16 year old driver's license.

-Smith –Lever funding may be reduced, which affects FFA, NRCS, Farm Bill and FSA.

Bill Walker- NJDA

-Nursery and Greenhouse film recycling at Burlington County Occupational Training Center in Mt. Holly and the Cumberland County Solid waste Complex in DeerField.

-Dept. accepting grant applications for USDA specialty crops. Most NJ crops fall under this designation. Projects must "enhance the competitiveness" of the crops.4/29

Deadline.

- Freehold Township FFA Placed first in Flora-Culture at the Career Development Event held at Rutgers. Monmouth County Vocational placed first in Nursery Landscape.
- New State vet - Manoel Tamassia.
- New Head of NJDA's Division of Food and Nutrition. Rose Tricaro of East Windsor.
- Seminar on Food And Agricultureal Exporting. Thursday may 19th. Register by May 6, and get a free market analysis.

Old Business-

- Bill Sciarappa asked that owners of Farm Stands in the County contact him regarding adding their information to the website. Please send articles to The Changing Times for publication.
- Summer picnic date needs to be set. Possible date July 19, 2011.
- Discussion regarding the Resolution to have the Agriculture building named after Formewr freeholder Theodore Narazanick. A motion was made by B. Freiburger to amend the resolution dated from 2004. Approved

New Business-

- A Memorial contribution will be made in the name of Walter Ellis for his devotion to agriculture. J. Wikoff made a motion for \$100.00. Approved.
 - Pat Butch was nominated to fill the 1 year unexpired term of Stephen P. Dey on the Board of Managers.
- Motion to Adjourn was made by T. Freiburger. Approved
- Minutes respectively submitted by N. McKittrick.

Next Regular meeting date- May 17, 2011

Please plan to attend as we will be moving to summer break and will resume regular meetings in September.