
FARMERS KEEP
OUR COUNTY
GREEN



MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

4000 Kozloski Rd., Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture
Minutes of October 20, 2009

Meeting called to order 7:40 p.m.

Invocation: Don Pyle

Attendees: Marty Bullock, Robin Burins, Boots Cassie, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Pat DePalma, Doc Dey, Tom Freiberger, Bob Freiberger, Doug Kauffman, Nyna McKittrick, Bill Potter, Donna Puhaiski, Don Pyle, Ann Trapani, Jim Wikoff, Rich Obal, Bill Sciarappa, Ellen Williams, Ed Wengryn, Bill Walker.

Guest: Peter Deller, Lions Club Strawberry Festival Chair, Nick DeMaro, Freedom Fest State Fair Chair

Treasurer Report read by Ross Clayton. Motion to Accept by Don Pyle, Seconded by: Robin Burins
Accepted by the Board

Correspondence:

- ❖ NJ State Young Farmer Nomination Form, deadline Jan 15, 2010.
- ❖ NJFFA thanking the board for donation to the general fund in 08 and would like to know if we can support the fund again in 2009.
- ❖ Thank you from the Immune Deficiency Foundation in loving memory of Tish Obal.
- ❖ Thank you from Monmouth Cty 4-H Association for the support and donation to the NJ Small Animal and Rabbit Show.

Addition to Septembers Minutes A motion to donate to the KEEP IT GREEN FUND was made in the amount of \$1000 by Marty Bullock and 2nd by Boots Cassie. Correction was motioned by Marty Bullock and 2nd by Boots Cassie Accepted by the Board.

Peter Deller came to speak to the Board for endorsement of the Strawberry Festival. The Lions Club puts a lot of effort into the event, but over the past less and less agriculture seems to be present at the fair. As a Board a suggestion to increase the Agriculture presence was requested. Gary DeFelice, Bill Walker, Jim Wikoff and Debi Kauffman offered help to Peter Deller to improve the presence of Agriculture at the Strawberry Festival in the future.

Nick DeMaro came to speak to the Board for endorsement of the Freedom Fest State Fair. With much focus on Agriculture the Board was happy to endorse this fair. An 11 minute power point captured a lot of enthusiasm and passion by all involved in the project.

A representative from the Monmouth Cty Parks will be at the December meeting to speak with the Board on the upcoming 2010 plans for the Monmouth Cty Fair.

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Reports

Rich Obal Due to the weather this year many new and old diseases have refaced, along with late harvests for the locals markets and prices are sure to rise. Another reduction has been handed down in the amount of 5%. This due to the economic times we are facing. Paul Haulbik has been reinstated in his position with FSA. Over all the office has been holding its own and staying busy. Master Gardeners are well into their class and the garden has done very well this year.

Bill Sciarappa went to Oregon to speak at the Ag Agent Conference, visited several farms and wineries, very well attended with lots of information that was pasted. Planning to have a seminar at the 2010 Vegetable Growers Conference in AC on Bio Energy. Specialty Vegetable Group wrote a grant over the summer and received a grant from USDA 1 ½ million.

Ed Wengryn Busy working on the *Keep It Green* program. This will be on the ballet as question #1 and with a YES vote and a majority win the program would benefit open space though bonds, banners and Handouts available to the Board to distribute before the election. With H1N1 in full swing the health officials are concerned with a bad flu session.

Remember the Convention is coming up at the Westin at Forrestal Village, Nov 16-17.

Bill Walker Disaster Designation has been issued by Thomas Vilsack from DC, due to the weather conditions experience in NJ for the 2009 growing season. This program will cover losses from April 15 to present and continuing, farmers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for details on the program. Dairy industry is still paying the price with the current economic situation, Oct 16 a work session will be held to address issues.

Tim Dey Final payment for the 2009 DCP can be expected sometime in October to be deposited directly in the personal bank accounts. County Committee Elections, watch the mail for your ballot. Closing Dates for NAP are approaching November 20, 2009 for assortment of crops, call the office for more information, (732) 462-0075.

Ellen Williams Thanks to the Board for the support to the 4-H program. Monmouth Cty hosted the State Small animal show as well as the State Trail Ride this year; both events were well attended and ran smooth. Farm Market grants in Asbury Park and Keansburg were well received and the participants involved had an eye opening experience and appreciation for the farmers in the area.

New Business

Election Committee Its that time of year. Please come to the November new officers are needed. Is it your turn? If not please come and vote, **you** really count.

FFA General Fund after discussion a motion by Jim Wikoff for \$600 donation was made, 2nd by Bob Freiberger and accepted by the Board.

Make Note: Novembers meeting will be held on the 24th due to Farm Bureau Convention.

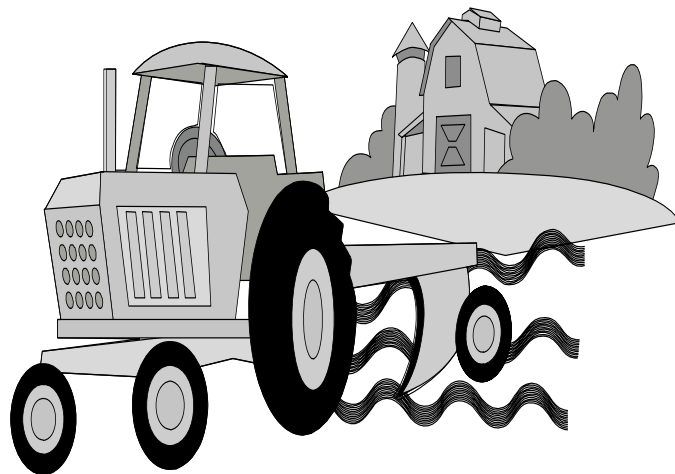
Next meeting November 24, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

EVERYTHING A FARMER DOES

IS DONE IN THEIR SPARE TIME

“ANDREW MACPHAIL”



Happy Thanksgiving to All.
May Your Harvest be Bountiful