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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture
Minutes of September 15, 2009

Meeting called to order 7:35 p.m.

Invocation: Don Pyle

Attendees: Marty Bullock, Gary DeFelice, Ed Wengryn, Ross Clayton, Boots Cassie, Anne Trapani, Doug Kauffman, Bob Freiberger, Bill Sciarappa, Tom Freiberger, Don Pyle, Nyna McKittrick, Bill Walker, Hugh McKittrick, Chuck Palmer, Angelo Trapani, Meg Whitehouse

Guest: Pam Dubrowe

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

Correspondence:

- ❖ Thank you cards from NJ Envirothon for the \$250 donation
- ❖ Letter from Tim Dey thanking the board for supporting the issue with the office having to relocate.
- ❖ Copy of letter from Mayor Steve Alexander that was sent to the freeholders on his behalf, keeping the Ag agencies in the Ag Building.
- ❖ Scholarship form from the NJ Dept of Agriculture for High School Seniors this yr. Forms available to any member, for more info call Debi Kauffman for forms.
- ❖ Thank you from Meg Whitehouse for the support and donation to the NJ Small Animal and Rabbit Show.

Reports

Bill Sciarappa Office has been very active and busy, with many questions on plant disease and soil issues. As in the past the budget for the office has been cut again with things running tight and additional cuts looming. The Rutgers Soil Lab upgrade is a promising topic, and will hold a promising future for the programs here in the office.

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Ed Wengryn Busy working on the *Keep It Green* program. This will be on the ballot as question #1 and with a YES vote and a majority win the program would benefit open space though bonds. With the weather being a big issue in NJ this year assistance for disaster has been asked for in Washington DC. Renewable Energy is becoming a hot topic for many farmers. With funds being tight this season farmers are looking for ways to save for the cold months coming.
Remember the Convention is coming up at the Westin at Forrestal Village, Nov 16-17.

Bill Walker with the dairy farms in NJ struggling due to falling milk prices, the dept has been working on ways to help the industry. Swine Flu is a big issue and the dept. has a web page with strategies to help you cope with an outbreak. The Hunger Funding has distributed over \$900,000 to date to the emergency feeding programs. Remember that its CLEAN UP time, Agricultural Recycling is important to all. Karen Kritz is available for any questions on disposal of plastics and drip tapes, 609-984-2506.

Tim Dey New requirements to the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program have been instated. Applications will still be submitted to the local FSA office. Dead line for the NAP crop coverage is November 20, 2009 call for list of crops. Call the office for information, (732) 462-0075.

Hugh McKittrick notified the board he has filled the vacate seat at the state board, and is the Monmouth Cty rep. Very interested in holding the position in the future.

Old Business

Fair Committee This years booth was well attended at the fair. Hand outs were a hit and the information stations were well received by all fair goers. The Committee would like to thank everyone that supported and help this year.

New Business

Pam Debrow – would like support from the Board to help start an Ag related project with the Latacin Network. The project is a pilot to start a honey bee station at the school with guest speakers to help teach the students about the topic. A motion was made to donate \$100 by Don Pyle and second by Boots Cassey, and was accepted by the Board.

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

Next meeting October 20, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Minutes recorded & typed by: Debi Kauffman