

AGRICULTURE & GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center.*

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Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. Reappointments ~ <u>Region 9 Fish & Wildlife Management Board</u> <u>Supervisor Member (Legislative Rep.)</u> <i>One (1) year term; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">James Brick, 7618 Route 20A, Perry NY 14530		Motion: Merrill Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
2. Reappointment: Seneca Trail RC&D Council <u>Board of Supervisors Representative</u> <i>One (1) year term; effective January 01, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Brian Becker, 1514 Perry Rd. N. Java, NY 14113 <u>Member at Large</u> <i>Three (3) year term; effective January 01, 2026 through December 31, 2028.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">E. Joseph Gozelski, 6175 East Lake Rd., P.O. Box 331, Silver Springs, NY 14550		Motion: Rudgers Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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3. Ag Society Photos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Photo 1</i> <i>Photo 2</i> <i>Photo 3</i> <i>Photo 4</i> <i>Photo 5</i> 	<i>Committee Chair Klein thanked C. Gala on her efforts to provide a Wyoming County display.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <i>December 2025 Monthly Report</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Cooperative Extension w/C. Gala			
1. General Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 3 offers on Camp Wyomoco. The Board of Directors will decide on those offers tomorrow. Good Neighbor Award 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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2. Reappointment: Cooperative Extension's Board of Directors Supervisor Member <i>One (1) year term; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Merrill, 5442 Sheppard Rd., Bliss, NY 14024 		Motion: Roche Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
Ag. & Farmland Protection w/M. Verrelli			
1. Professional Service Contract (\$5,000 or greater): Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b) as a result of a Request for Proposal with <i>Agricultural and Community Development Services ("ACDS") LLC</i> , PO Box 1160, North Beach, MD 20714 for updating of the county's ag & farmland protection plan in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00; effective February 10, 2026 through March 4, 2027. (MUNIS CONTRACT #3520)		Motion: Rudgers Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
2. Reappointment: Wyoming County Ag & Farmland Protection Board Supervisor Member <i>One (1) year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Brick, 7618 Route 20A, Perry NY 14530 	AG & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD ARE APPOINTMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THEY DO NOT NEED A RESOLUTION	Motion: Rudgers Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED

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Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
<p>1. Reappointments: Wyo. Co. Soil & Water Conservation District Board <u>Supervisor Members</u> <i>One (1) year term; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. (Formally held by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mark Merrill</i>, 5442 Sheppard Rd. Bliss, NY 14024 <i>James Brick</i>, 7618 Rt. 20A, Perry, NY 14530 <i>Three (3) year term; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.</i> <u>Member-at-Large</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Daryl Heiby</i> – 14 Stainton Place Perry, NY 14530 <u>Pomona Grange Representative</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ronald McCormick</i> – 1434 Torry Hill Rd Java Center, NY 14082 </p>	<p><i>Supervisor Kehl, T/Attica shared with the committee that Soil & Water has been working on a project along the Tonawanda Creek. A new land owner wasn't in agreement with the project until District Manager Fagan met with the land owners on Monday night. This project is fully funded through grant dollars.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*RESOLUTION</p>

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Conservation w/			
1. Reappointments: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Advisory Committee <u>Supervisor Member</u> One (1) year term; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryan Kehl, 914 Route 98, Attica, NY 14011 		Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
County Forestlands			
1. <u>01/14/2026 Email</u> from Eric Stawitzky regarding 2025 DMAP harvest.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Wyoming County Farm Bureau			
1. Mark your Calendar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Meeting with Wyoming County Farm Bureau March 10, 2026 at the Ag Center. More details to follow. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Fair Association w/M. Roche			
General Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$50K grant for grand stand bleacher updates (bleachers near the grand stand will be to receive much needed improvements). 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
General Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$6 cwt reduction in the price of milk results in a \$70M hit to the Wyoming County economy. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Green Energy Committee w/M. Merrill			
1. 12/18/25 <u>Order Approving Compliance Filings</u> from Public Service Commission		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<i>Board Chair Brick, T/ Perry commented on the NYSAC Renewable Energy Siting Survey that needs to be completed by each county in NY.</i>	<i>Sub-committee:</i> Brick, Berwanger, Klein, Merrill & Rudgers	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/S. Klein & M. Merrill (minutes prepared by *C. Ketchum*).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 @ 10:00 AM.**

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