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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
4000 Kozloski Rd., Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture
Minutes of November 24, 2009

Meeting called to order 7:40 p.m.

Invocation: Don Pyle

Attendees: Robin Burins, Boots Cassie, Ross Clayton, Dr. Dey, Tom Freiberger, Bob Freiberger, Doug Kauffman, Hugh McKittrick, Nyna McKittrick, Chuck Palmer, Donna Puhalski, Jesse Puhalski, Don Pyle, Anne, Trapani, Angelo Trapani, Meg Whitehouse, Jim Wikoff, Rich Obal, Bill Sciarappa, Ed Wengryn

Guest : Ashley Palmer Class 8 NJALDP, William Whitehouse

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

Minutes for Last Meeting: Motion to Accept by Boots Cassie, Seconded by: Doc Dey. Accepted by the Board.

Correspondence:

- ❖ Written report from Lynn Matthews for the status on regulations on State Fairs and qualifications
- ❖ Thank you from the Keep it Green Org. for the generous Donation.
- ❖ NJFB Women's Committee request for donation to the Harvest Drive for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Board would like to congratulate **Rich Obal** on his Award for Outstanding Professional Conservationist which he recently received .

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.

Ashley Palmer spoke about NJALDP Class 8. The class is raising funds for the international trip with a raffle prizes include a 47" Flat Screen TV, Blue Ray DVD Player, and a Garmin. Also Dec 15 an Alumni Dinner held at the Ag Museum. Call for more info.

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Reports

Rich Obal The Master Gardeners had their graduation Nov 20, great speakers and well attended. The DEP is coming up with new regulations for home fertilizer and nutrient applications, due to high levels of chemicals being recorded in waterways and other wild life areas. Animal Waste Management seminar went well with a second seminar scheduled for Jan 21, 2010. Call the office for more information.

Bill Sciarappa The weather has been harsh for harvesting any fall crops this season. Aldelphia Research is running tests on the pasture grasses and things are going well. Farm Bureau Conference had lots of key issues, very well organized, Speakers were very informative. The current issue of Changing Times is available along with Equine Essentials, both publications are stacked with current information and schedules.

Ed Wengryn Convention went well. Christmas tree season is upon us, and the Ag Secretary has begun the annual choose and cut tree campaign in Mendham NJ at the Christmas Tree farm. With deer hunting on its way all NJ licensed hunters may hunt 2 antlered deer, for more info. Visit the website www.njfishandwildlife.com. Dairy farms are still an issue with many working on ways to help save the industry. The transition of new governor on its way the Agriculture team is complete and starting its new agenda.

Bill Walker NJ farmers may drive NJ registered farm vehicles into Maryland without having commercial registrations. Secretary Fisher has teamed up with the Jets football team players and started a Eat Right Move More program in NJ Schools. Equine disease Piroplasmosis is continuing to plaque horses, 4 more have tested positive to date. The NJ Equine Advisory Board has announced a new \$1000 scholarship to help 4-H and FFA members with their equine educations. H1N1 is a continuing issue the departments Animal Health Diagnostic Lab is now offering a test for pets. Some pet felines and ferrets have tested positive for the virus. Bill is now the Chairman to the NJ Agricultural Education Advisory Council. The organization promotes NJ agricultural educations through the involvement and guidance of NJ agriculturalist.

Lorrie Marquis for Tim Dey New NAP software program has been installed and things are running well. The payments should be sent out the beginning of Dec. New loans are available with low interest rates, call the office for list and more information. The lease issue is still pending.

Hugh McKittrick Thank you to the Board for the support for the State Board position. The dairy farm issue is on everyone's mind at the state level. NJ farm vehicles can cross over into Maryland without the commercial registrations. Chairperson to a new topic, Crop Insurance Payout Investigation, if you have any stories or questions please contact Hugh. A list of NO GROW has been under scrutiny at the State level, with some plants and crops that seem to be surprisingly on the list. A team has been formed to go over the current list before it is put into Act.

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New Business

NJFB Women's Committee A donations of \$100 was discussed with a motion made by Don Pyle, 2nd by Doc Dey, Accepted by the Board.

Rich Obal request for reimbursement for the mailing of the notice for the Animal Waste Management Seminar. Discussed was held and a motion made by Doug Kauffman, 2nd by Chuck Palmer, Accept by the Board.

Tri County Co Op The farmers market made a milestone this season, with sales of just over a million dollars. With more farmers coming to the market and upgrades to the dock and parking area, the landmark is making a come back. Future plans for refrigeration and bigger CSA is in the works. The market will open in the spring with shrubs, bedding plants and early crops.

Next meeting December 15, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Minutes recorded & typed by: Debi Kauffman

Reorganization Meeting

Called to Order: 9:17

New Slate was presented by the Nominating Committee, the floor was opened for discussion. Slate read as follows,

President: Gary DeFelice
Vice President: Debi Kauffman
Treasurer: Ross Clayton
Recording Sect. Nyna McKittrick
Corresponding Sect: Robin Burins

Motion to accept the Slate as read made by Bob Freiberger, 2nd by Doc Dey, Accepted by the Board.

Motion to adjourn Doug Kauffman, 2nd Tom Freiberger.

Meeting Adjourned 9.30

