

Adopted Minutes
Cayuga County Ag & Farmland Protection Board
Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
5th Floor, Conference Room
Cayuga County Office Building
Auburn, NY 13021

Board Members Present:

Andrew Dennison (Cayuga County Legislator)
Kelly Anderson, Chair (Cayuga County Real Property Services, Director)
Steve Lynch (Cayuga County Planning & Economic Development, Director) [arrived at 10:25]
Jason Cuddaback, *designee* (Chairperson of the Board of Directors CCSWCD)
Jeff Ten Eyck (Agricultural Land Preservation Organization Representative)
Dennis Eckel (Agribusiness Representative)
Christopher Gross (Farmer Representative)
Thane Benson (Farmer Representative)

Others present:

Kari Terwilliger (CCPED Staff to AFPB)

Absent:

Craig Culver (Farmer Representative)
John O'Connell, III (Farmer Representative)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Anderson at approximately 10:04 A.M. with a quorum of members present.

2. Elect a Chair of the Board for 2019

Kelly Anderson stated that she was the Chair last year and was willing to serve as Chair again this year unless someone else wanted to be the Chair. No one else indicated an interest in being the Chair of the Board for 2019. **Jeff Ten Eyck made a motion to elect Kelly Anderson as Chair of the Cayuga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board for 2019. Motion seconded by Jason Cuddaback. Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes - November 28, 2018 meeting

Kelly Anderson asked the Board if they had reviewed the minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting and if they had any questions, comments, or corrections to make. There were none. She asked if there was a motion to approve said minutes. **Christopher Gross made a motion that the minutes from November 28, 2018 be accepted as written. Motion seconded by Jeff Ten Eyck. Motion carried.**

4. Town of Fleming NOI - Consolidated Water District Phase IIA

Kelly Anderson asked Kari Terwilliger to review this agenda item with the Board. Kari asked if everyone had a chance to review the NOI materials that she had provided to them and if they had any questions. She did point out several items from the NOI that she addressed in her draft letter. She mentioned that the Town would be willing to adopt a lateral restriction law, and explained what that was and how it applied to land in the County Agricultural District. She mentioned that like other communities recently, that this NOI mentioned contaminated well/ground water for which there is no evidence; and that her draft letter requested this language be removed from the NOI. She also mentioned that the NOI stated that the Town's contractor would coordinate with landowners to mitigate any damage done to field drainage systems as necessary. She stated that with the exception of the use of the word "contamination" in the NOI, the Town seems to be amenable to all of the things that the AFPB routinely asks for in their response letters for water and sewer projects. Kelly asked if anyone had any other comments or questions; hearing none, she asked for a motion on the matter. **Andrew Dennison made a motion for Kelly Anderson to sign the draft letter in response to the NOI and for Kari Terwilliger to send it to the Town of Sennett, LaBella Associates, and Bob Somers at NYS Ag & Markets. Motion seconded by Steve Lynch. Motion carried.**

5. Other Business

Kelly Anderson asked if anyone had any other business to discuss. Kari Terwilliger stated that she had a few items to discuss quickly. She stated that she has not received correspondence back from NYSDAM about the Fleming water project from last year, although she did receive a letter from the Town's engineer who opposed all of the comments/requests that the AFPB made. She reminded the Board that the annual inclusion period for the County Agricultural District will be in March again this year; and that if she receives any requests she will ask the Board to schedule a meeting to review them in April. Lastly, Kari spoke briefly about the annual progress report for the Countywide Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan, stating that last year the Board completed the report in March, but that she would like to change it to the end of the year. This would help to capture more data throughout the year; and to give new staff/administrators at CCE and the County Tourism Office a chance to get settled in so that they can participate. The Board agreed that the report should be done as an end of the year report.

6. Adjournment

Kelly Anderson asked if there was any further discussion or business to come before the Board. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn. **Steve Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jeff Ten Eyck. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 A.M.**

Minutes prepared by Kari Terwilliger