

ONTARIO COUNTY
Agricultural Enhancement Board
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 23, 2018
Acting Chairman Fred Lightfoote

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Fred Lightfoot
Erin Bullock

Jason Weykman
Tucker Kautz – for SWCD Megan Webster
Maria Rudzinski – for OCPD Tom Harvey
Robert McCarthy
Marie Anselm for CCE Tim Davis
Robin Johnson

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Elizabeth Newbold

Guest: John Champlin

Call to Order: Chairman Lightfoote called the Agricultural Enhancement Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- December 18, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. T. Kautz noted corrections to the agency report for SWCD. **Motion to approve the minutes subject to corrections to be provided by T. Kautz: Made by: R. McCarthy. Seconded by M. Anselm. Motion carried.**

Update on Board Nominations Process

The Board discussed the outreach process for recruiting potential Board members. M. Anselm said she will follow the same process as last time and distribute a media release and include an article soliciting Board candidates in the CCE February newsletter.

Draft Agricultural Enhancement Plan Review The Board reviewed the draft plan. M. Rudzinski will assemble all the discussed corrections and revisions and provide them to the Consultant who will prepare the final draft plan.

A public information meeting and open house on the final draft plan is scheduled for February 26, 2018.

Timeline for plan approval by the OC Board of Supervisors (BOS):

- February 26 – Consideration of the draft plan by the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee
- March 8 – Public hearing on the draft plan before the Board of Supervisors and consideration of final adoption by the BOS.

NYS DAM Grant Announcements: M. Rudzinski reported that two programs were announced: 1) Land Trusts Grants Program Round 1 - Land Access Outreach Activities, and, 2) Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) - Option Agreement Projects

Agency Reports

SWCD: T. Kautz reported that:

- A watershed conservation workshop is planned for March 7, 2018 in Geneva.
- The State awarded OC three Waste Storage and Transfer System program grants.

OCPD: M. Rudzinski reported that 57 persons attended the training session for local planning and zoning officials on January 18th on NYS agricultural districts and local planning and zoning regulations presented by Bob Somers, NYS DAM.

CCE: M. Anselm reported on upcoming educational programs and events including a session by the NYS Department of Labor on agricultural labor regulations, CSA Fair at FLCC on February 17, March 15 training on farmer succession planning and Meet and Greet Farmer and Chef Fair at HWS. A Farm to Institution event will be held at the Wine and Culinary Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Rudzinski, Senior Planner