

ONTARIO COUNTY
Agricultural Enhancement Board
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 19, 2018
Acting Chairman Fred Lightfoote

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Fred Lightfoot
Jason Weykman
Maria Rudzinski – for OCPD Tom Harvey
Robert McCarthy
Tim Davis, CCE
Robin Johnson, OCRPT
Elizabeth Newbold

Members Excused:

Ben Lowe
Erin Bullock
Marie Anselm
Robin Johnson

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

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 20 and May 1, 2018 meetings were reviewed. Action was taken on both in one motion. Motion to approve the minutes: Made by Bob McCarthy. Seconded by: Jason Weykman. Motion carried.

OC Agricultural Enhancement Plan Implementation

The Board discussed who (organizations/agencies) should be included in the Implementation Team in addition to AEB members. Included were: USDA (including NRCS), Farm Credit East, FLCC, Cornell AgriTech, Cornell Technology Farm, OC Economic Development, OC Visitor Connection, NY Kitchen, Northeast Organic Farming Association, Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (formerly BOCES) Workforce Investment Board.

A kickoff meeting for the Team is proposed for August. The agenda would include 1) Review of the Recommendations Section of the Plan, 2) Review of what actions/activities the participants are currently doing over the next 12 months that addresses the recommendations, and 3) Potential new projects that address that are included in the strategies for implementation.

OC AEP Implementation Funds (\$15,000) utilization

M. Rudzinski mentioned that the \$15,000 needs to be encumbered (put under contract for a project) by the end of the year or the funds would revert to the County general fund. The Board said a process to identify projects should be done after the implementation team kickoff meeting.

Notice of Intent – Town of Canandaigua Water Tower Replacement

M. Rudzinski reviewed the project. Since there was no impact on agricultural land, the Board decided no response was necessary.

Other Business/Agency Reports

- The Town of Geneva is presenting the Pederson Farm with a “Lake Friendly Farm Award” for their practices to improve water quality on August 16, 2018 at the town hall. R. McCarthy invited the AEB to attend the presentation.
- CCE is partnering with other entities to sponsor the Progressive Ag Safety Day on August 18th at the NY Steam Pageant Grounds.
- OC SWCD is working on a Water Quality Improvement Program application for Mill Creek in the Town of Richmond.

• **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Rudzinski, Senior Planner