



**ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 22, 2020 | 6:00 PM | Webex

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Board Members in Attendance: Brett Kreher, Mark Gaston, Scott Bylewski, Bryant Zilke, Dan Castle, Dan Henry, Rachel Chrostowski, Diane Held

Staff in Attendance: Sarah Gatti

Guests: Anthony Mash, Felicia Orem

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1. Consideration of the August 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Vote  
**Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bylewski; seconded by Mr. Zilke. The motion carried.**
2. Consideration of the October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Vote  
**Motion to approve was made by Mr. Zilke; seconded by Mr. Gaston. The motion carried.**
3. Overview of Process

Ms. Gatti stated that the AFPB is an advisory board on agricultural issues to the County Legislature. In this capacity, the AFPB provides a recommendation to the County Legislature on agricultural district inclusions under 303b. The Legislature is the body who votes to include or not include parcel additions. The County Legislature's public hearing is the agricultural district law's forum to provide public input to the County Legislature on this issue. Each applicant or member of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the public hearing on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The public hearing will be virtually. Following the public hearing, the County Legislature will examine all of the information provided, including the public comments provided at the public hearing and will vote on whether to include or not include. The resolution is then sent to the Commissioner of Ag and Markets in Albany, who makes the final determination.

4. Public Comment (3-5 Minutes per Person)

Ms. Orem and Mr. Mash spoke in favor of application #20. Ms. Orem would like to raise chickens on the four parcels submitted for enrollment. Three of these parcels are under contract by the applicant and are not yet owned by Mr. Mash/Ms. Orem. The parcel with frontage on First Street is owned by the applicant.

**Motion to close public comment period was made by Mr. Castle; seconded by Mr. Henry. The motion carried.**

## 5. Open Enrollment Applications – Discussion

The following is a brief summary of discussion in each application. A detailed voting record is included on pages 3-5 of this document. Please note that bolded SBL number in the detailed voting record indicate parcels that had been previously enrolled.

- Application #1: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #2: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #3: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #4: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #5: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #6: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #7: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #8: No action required. Parcel already enrolled.
- Application #9: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #10: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #11: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #12: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #13: The Board voted in **include** these parcels.
- Application #14: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #15: The Board voted in **include** these parcels.
- Application #16: The Board voted in **include** these parcels.
- Application #17: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #18: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #19: **The motion did not pass** and the parcel was **not included**.
- Application #20: **The motion did not pass** and these parcels were **not included**.
- Application #21: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #22: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #23: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #24: The Board voted in **include** these parcels.
- Application #25: **The motion did not pass** and the parcel was **not included**.
- Application #26: The Board voted in **include** these parcels.
- Application #27: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #28: The Board voted in **include** one of these parcels. Two of the parcels were already enrolled.
- Application #29: The Board voted in **include** these parcels.
- Application #30: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #31: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #32: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #33: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.
- Application #34: The Board voted in **include** this parcel.

6. Open Enrollment Applications – Vote

#	PARCEL(S)	ACRE(S)	ADDRESS	TOWN	APPLICANT	DISTRICT	MARK GASTON	SCOTT BYLEWSKI	BRETT KREHER	BRYANT ZILKE	DAN CASTLE	DAN HENRY	RACHEL CHROSTOWSKI	DIANE HELD	INCLUDE	EXCLUDE
1	198.00-4-26	48	7613 Behm Road	Orchard Park	Joseph Van Schoonhoven	Southwest #5	M	A	A	A	A	A	S	A	X	
2	261.00-3-8.1	89.7	39 Irving Place	Colden	Robert and Susan Baker	Southeast #15	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
3	237.00-1-23.2	27	2087 New Jerusalem Road	Eden	Thomas J. Skrzynski	Southwest #8	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
4	288.00-1-21	33.5	4895 Langford Road	North Collins (Town)	Willis Neifer	Southeast #15	M	A	A	A	A	A	S	A	X	
5	229.00-2-45	40	8148 Center Street	Colden	Jeffrey L. Bessey	Southeast #15	S	A	M	A	A	A	A	A	X	
6	47.06-3-11.1	50.7	6607 Hake Road	Akron (Village)	Isabelle Robnett	Clarence Newstead #14	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
7	195.00-4-8.21	25	309 Cox Road	Hamburg (Town)	John P. Kolodczak	Southwest #8	M	A	A	S	A	ABSTAIN	A	A	X	
8	124.10-3-2.1 <i>already in - no action</i>	0	60 French Road	West Seneca	Michael H. Weber											
9	207.00-4-21.2	13.82	0	Evans	Russell Gullo	Southwest #8	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
10	198.00-4-27	20.52	7813 Behm Road	Orchard Park	Justin and Rebekah Brand	Southwest #8	S	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	X	
11	285.00-5-5.12	0	11110 Gowanda State Road	North Collins (T)	Joan Schrader	Southwest #8	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	

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12	145.00-3-13	61.8	634 Rosedale Road	Elma	Marc and Betty Brahaney	Elma #13	A	A	A	M	A	A	S	A	X	
13	228.00-2-5; 228.00-2-6.1; 228.00-2-8	48.12	PO Box 235	Colden	Jacqueline M. May	Southeast #15	S	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	X	
14	124.16-3-1	5.2	62 Lakeside Court	West Seneca	David A. Ertel	Elma #13	S	A	A	M	A	A	A	A	X	
15	187.00-2-2.111; 187.00-2-2.22; 187.00-2-2.211	101.88	1271 Sweet Road	Aurora	Brian Zittel	Elma #13	A	A	A	S	A	A	M	A	X	
16	245.00-3-8.1; 245.00-3-7.11; 245.00-3-7.12	169.57	9137 Center Road	Colden	David Smith	Southeast #15	M	A	A	A	A	S	A	A	X	
17	209.00-3-14-111	65	3830 N. Boston Road	Eden	Donald O'Donnell	Southwest #8	M	A	A	A	A	A	S	A	X	
18	5.00-3-13.13	107.75	8235 Tonawanda Creek Road	Clarence	Jason Klein	Clarence Newstead #14	A	A	A	M	S	A	A	A	X	
19	116.00-2-44	10.74	3803 Bowen Road	Lancaster	Pelican Lake Trust	Lancaster Alden #16	M	A	A	A	S	A	A	A		X
20	36.01-4-23; 36.01-4-17; 36.01-4-20; 36.01-4-13	2.21	2260 First Street	Grand Island	Anthony Mash	Amherst #17	M	A	S	A	A	A	A	A		X
21	244.00-2-4.1	85	8898 Center Street	Colden	Douglas Feltz	Southeast #15	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
22	211.04-1-15	1	7314 Boston State Road	Boston	Kenneth J. Lindstrom	Southwest #8	M	A	A	A	A	A	S	A	X	

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23	355.00-1-7	38.23	10100 Reed Road	Concord	Leonard J. Stachowiak	Southeast #15	M	ABSTAIN	A	S	ABSTAIN	A	A	A	X	
24	197.00-4-52.111; 211.02-2-36	47.96	6405 Ward Road	Orchard Park	6405 Ward Road LLC	Southwest #8	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
25	23.08-2-22	0.45	2372 Long Road	Grand Island	Nadine Fraser	Amherst #17	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A		X
26	251.00-2-11; 251.00-2-12	47.7	9560 South Main Street	Evans	Phillip Siragusa	Southwest #8	M	A	A	A	A	S	A	A	X	
27	221.00-4-36	52.7	1418 Eden Evans Center Rd	Evans	Gary Sager	Southwest #8	S	A	A	A	A	Y	M	A	X	
28	322.00-1-43.2; <b>322.00-1-14; 322.00-2-9.11</b> <i>bolded parcels included already - vote only on first parcel</i>	105.49	8422 Middle Road	Concord	El Scott, LLC	Southeast #15	A	A	A	A	S	A	M	A	X	
29	119.00-1-23; 119.00-1-17	20.9	12812 Broadway	Alden	Klas Properties Inc.	Lancaster Alden #16	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
30	269.15-1-3.1	5	10284 Main Street	North Collins (Village)	Kevin Hayes	Southwest #8	M	A	A	A	S	A	A	A	X	
31	271.00-4-10	10.4	4003 Langford Road	North Collins (T)	Donald C. Fox	Southwest #8	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	
32	272.00-3-20.1	62.4	4624 Langford Road	North Collins (T)	Daniel Lewandowski	Southwest #9	S	A	A	M	A	A	A	A	X	
33	156.00-3-28.11	18	1307 Porterville Road	Elma	Carol Heckman	Elma #13	S	A	A	M	A	A	A	A	X	
34	166.00-1-43	112.32	11140 Big Tree Road	Wales	Pamela S. Lina	Wales #12	M	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	X	

7. 2021 Meeting Calendar – Vote

Ms. Gatti proposed four quarterly meetings to be held in January, May, August, and October 2021. The Board agreed and Ms. Gatti stated the meetings would be held virtually or in-person, depending on the state of the pandemic.

**Motion to approve 2021 meeting calendar was made by Ms. Chrostowski; seconded by Mr. Castle. The motion carried.**

8. New Business

Ms. Chrostowski noted that no new grant contracts had been approved by NYSDAM and that no 2021 grant applications had been released.

Ms. Chrostowski further noted that she would be hosting a farmland protection planning webinar in early December and would share event details as they were determined.

Mr. Castle shared that the Office of Agriculture has been allocated \$100,000 in the 2021 proposed budget.

9. Next Meeting: January 21, 2020

The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah E. Gatti