



March 2019 Meeting Agenda

Date: March 21, 2019
Meeting Time: 5:00 pm
Board Member Attendance:

Quorum = 7

	Count	Board Member	Position	Term	Expiration
X	1	Corey Mosher	President	2	12/31/2021
	2			1	
X	3	Sue Bookhout		1	12/31/2019
X	4	Monica Cody		1	12/31/2020
ab	5	Alexandra Erath		1	12/31/2021
ab	6	David Hatch		1	12/31/2019
ab	7	Kyle Hirt		1	12/31/2021
ab	8	Mike St. Leger		1	12/31/2021
X	9	Tara Truett	Secretary	2	12/31/2020
X	10	Laura Shoemaker	Treasurer	2	12/31/2021
X	11	Mathew Webber		1	12/31/2020
X	12	Lorna Wilson		1	12/31/2020
ab	Appointed	David Jones	Legislative Representative	N/A	N/A
	Appointed	Danielle Hautaniemi	Cornell Representative	N/A	N/A

2019 Board Schedule:

Date	Description
January 17	Reorganizational Board Meeting
February 2	Orientation Meeting for New Directors (all Directors Invited)
February 21	Regular Board Meeting
March 21	Regular Board Meeting
April 18	Regular Board Meeting
May 16	Regular Board Meeting
June 20	Regular Board Meeting
July 18	Regular Board Meeting
August 15	Regular Board Meeting
September 19	Regular Board Meeting

October	17	Regular Board Meeting
November	21	Regular Board Meeting
December		Annual Meeting

Call to Order: (Time 5:07 p.m.)

Staff/Community Attendance

1	Karin Bump	Executive Director	CCE
2	Bonnie Backman	Finance Coordinator	CCE
3	Sarah Ficken	Ag Resource Educator	CCE

Approval of February 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motioned by: Lorna Wilson

Seconded by: Mathew Webber

Discussion: No

Vote: All Yes

Motion Carried: Yes

Educator Report: Educator report from Sarah Ficken regarding work on climate smart farming project as well as work on dairy alternatives project. Sarah shared a handout entitled Climate Smart Farming in the Northeast: Six Key Strategies for Farmers. She has traveled and shared her expertise on this topic. The expertise, enthusiasm and effort that Sarah puts forth in her job was praised by those in attendance.

Board President's Report: Corey Mosher shared the discussion held at the Ag Advisory meeting regarding the Farm Land Protection Plan and the Heritage farmland. The county highway garage on Swamp Road in Morrisville needs to be relocated due to infrastructure problems and a need for expansion. The farmland at Heritage Farms is good farming soil and many feel should be left as such and not considered at a site for the new county highway garage. The Madison County Fair Board was also discussed. CCE has had a larger presence at fair board meetings recently and new Board seats have recently opened up. CCE Board members will consider those whom they feel might be beneficial to sitting on that Board to fill those three open seats.

Finance Report: With actions on "End of Year" close business/finances. The Finance Committee met previously on March 4th at 2:00 to give time for discussion prior to the board meeting on the 21st. Bonnie Backman went over the multi-page documents that were handed out and discussed..

A motion was made to accept the End of Year Financials, including the 12/31/18 Balance Sheet, 12/31/18 Statement of Operations, Liquidity Statement and Fund Balances.

Motioned by: Laura Shoemaker

Seconded by: Monica Cody

Discussion: No

Vote: All Yes

Motion Carried: Yes

New Business: Harvest Dinner Fundraiser, save the date Saturday 10/12/19. Discussion was held regarding the timing of the 2019 harvest dinner. It was decided to do a midday meal and possibly have a small "fair type" atmosphere with farm animals for the children to see and learn about, making it a more family friendly event. 4-H club participation was also discussed. Brooks BBQ in Oneonta will provide the catering and servers. It was felt that more farmers may be able to take advantage of this timeframe, as well, as take-out meals will be available for pickup. Ticket issues were discussed and will be made easier this year. Discussions for the 2020 event were also discussed. It will be on a Sunday in 2020, as it is hosted on Farmer Appreciation Day. A pancake breakfast with Many Maples was discussed; as well as securing Ray Brothers for that date in hopes of them being available that far in advance. No local options were available this year and the Board would like to use Madison County businesses for catering, whenever possible.

Mathew Webber handed out an information sheet regarding solar panel installation. Discussion ensued as to our main reasons for considering this; heat savings or education of the public? Some noted that area farmers who have installed solar panels are not happy with the rate of return on the installation; saying they are sorry to have made the change. One person did note that they know of a farmer who is happy with the solar panels they had installed. Mathew will take the lead on a meeting with appropriate personnel at Morrisville State and see how/if we could work together on such a project.

Old Business: Finalize Slate of Officers for 2019

It was determined that a motion was needed to Amend the Board by-laws stating that a member whose help with the working here, please. Monica Cody was appointed Vice President for the remainder of the year.

The motion to Amend the Madison County CCE By-laws was made.

Motioned by: Lorna Wilson

Seconded by: Laura Shoemaker

Discussion: No

Vote: All yes

Motion Carried: Yes

Executive Director's Report: Will be forthcoming, due to time.

Discussion Topic: Innovation ideas for our work with the Madison County Fair

Executive Session if Required: No

Adjourn: Time:

Motioned by: Mathew Webber

Seconded by: Sue Bookout

Discussion: No

Vote: All yes

Motion Carried: Yes