

Draft AFPB meeting notes
January 18 2023

Sharon Soons, Paul Wiley, Rick Minkus, Dennis Smith, Grace Ott (CCE rep), John Wright, Kristy Apostolides, Alan Sorensen.

Called to order 7:15, Sharon Soons VP leading

1. [[KA note Sorry didn't get who moved and 2nd minutes approval.]]
2. Review of accounts, some discussion about using the \$10k allocated for animal processing. Apostolides mentioned they were keeping this money earmarked to look into a technological solution to slaughterhouse scheduling optimization, hopefully in conjunction with Glynnwood's broader study. John Wright made a motion to accept, (didn't catch the second). All approved.
3. No inquiries and correspondence
4. New business:
 - a. Election of Officials
 - i. Dennis nominated Len and Sharon as Pres and VP respectively. Minkus second. All approved
 - ii. Sharon moved to keep officers the same as last year, as long as there is no objection from Len. Paul second. All approved
5. Old Business:
 - a. Public Officials meeting: Apostolides noted the public officials meeting date was changed because of a scheduling issue. Meeting will be held in September, when no one is in session. Apostolides to determine best potential dates and time of day and bring them to AFPB in the future.
 - b. Farmers Markets: Apostolides mentioned 2022 evaluation and info collection for the 2023 season is underway.
 - c. Soons ask about the availability of planning department interns and if there have been projects already assigned. Sorensen said they will be getting interns again, but projects have not yet been decided.
 - d. [[someone]] noted that there were no applications from Orange County for the FPIG (farmland protection) grant that was out. There was some discussion about how the county could support and provide technical assistance to farms to apply. This role has been previously filled by OCLT, but with staff change maybe is no longer able to provide this service. Sorensen was going to speak with OCLY and see if they no longer have the technical assistance staff to provide this service.
 - e. Meat Processing: Ott gave an update on meat processing happening in the HV: The Catskills Meat processing facility will be fully operational Q2 or Q3. Plan is to handle 50 head/day plus poultry. The Herkimer plant that is planned just sent out a survey hoping producers will fill out. Glywood is continuing their study about meat processing in the HV and expects to have a report out in late winter. IT is looking primarily at processing barriers limiting more animal production.

- f. Sorensen mentioned the ag district open enrollment period is starting soon. He has already have two inquiries in Newburgh and Harriman.

Motion to close meeting was called at 8:03 by John Wright. Soons seconded. All agreed.