



ADAM J. BELLO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Monroe County, New York

Board Appointees

Four Active Farmers; County Legislator; Agribusiness; Agricultural Land Preservation Organization; Chairperson, Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors; Director, Real Property Tax Service; County Cooperative Extension Agent; Director, Department of Planning & Development

February 26, 2026

The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Colby and roll was taken.

Present: Marilyn DeMeyer, Mark Greene, Chairman Robert Colby (Legislator), Legislator Jackie Smith, Ron Brand, Rollin Pickering, Amy Grande, Jamila Haseler, Pat Gooch

Absent: Jack Moore

Guests: None

Before the Meeting started Legislators Smith and Colby presented Mark Greene with a proclamation from the Monroe County Legislature honoring Mark Greene and the Greene Family for over 200 years of farming and dedication to preserving agriculture in Monroe County.

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Approval of the November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes: R. Pickering motioned to adopt the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Legislator Smith seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

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Approval of the January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes: M. Green motioned to adopt the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. R. Brand seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Announcements and Communication:

- Agricultural Additions Enrollment opens March (1-20). The County Legislature and Planning Department will collect responses and P. Gooch will reach out to the Board with any questions related to the addition requests. There has been one request received thus far.

Public forum:

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No one present for a public forum.

Matters for preliminary and final approval:

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Update

Reviewed and discussed the current version, made updates to the following:

- Springdale Farm at Northampton Park
- Monroe County Fair
- Cornell Cooperative, Regional Teams

A. Grande motioned to recommend the Monroe County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan subject to changes discussed. Will provide an updated copy to the County Legislature for consideration and adoption. R. Brand seconded the motion.

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Correspondence:

We received an email from J. Meyers of Parma regarding agricultural districts and assessments.

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Informational matters:

Agricultural Districts and non-traditional addition requests.

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New business:

None

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Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- Discussion took place to move the April meeting as a few board members were unable to attend on April 23rd. R. Pickering motioned to move the April meeting to **Thursday, April 30 at 7:00pm** and R. Brand seconded the motion.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm, moved by R. Brand, seconded by J. Haseler