



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

January 22, 2026

The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Colby and roll was taken.

Present: Pat Gooch, Mark Greene, Ron Brand, Chairman Robert Colby (Legislator), Rollin Pickering, Legislator Jackie Smith,

Guests: Reese – Churchville/Chili Student and their father.

Public forum:

Chairman Colby welcomed two guests who introduced themselves and stated the son was attending the meeting as part of a student participation in government project and expressed an interest in agriculture.

Chairman Colby provided a brief synopsis of the AFPB's role and asked members to introduce themselves and explain their relationship to the AFPB.

Correspondence:

We received confirmation of Agricultural Districts Certification from NYS Agriculture and Markets for the 8-year review as well as consolidation of Monroe County's Agriculture District's #5 and #6 into one district.

Matters for preliminary and final approval:

Elections

Ron Brand moved to nominate Legislator Colby as Chairman. Rollin Pickering seconded the motion.

Legislator Colby asked Secretary Pat Gooch to conduct the vote. Pat Gooch asked for a vote on the matter and it was unanimously approved. Pat Gooch stated that as the Planning Department representative he will continue to serve as secretary to the Board.

2026 Meeting Schedule

The 2026 Meeting Schedule was previously distributed at the November meeting and needs to be officially adopted. Legislator Colby asked if we should move the April meeting to complete the Agricultural Districts process in time for the Monroe County Legislator Meeting. Pat Gooch stated that this schedule was created based on past versions, however we will evaluate prior to April and move if necessary and recommended adoption as presented.

Rolling Pickering motioned to adopt the 2026 calendar as presented. Legislator Jackie Smith seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

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Informational matters:

Pat Gooch provided an update on Planning Department staffing related to the AFPB and the Agricultural Districts Process.

Pat Gooch provided a refresher on Open Meetings Laws (OML) and reminded the board that these meetings are open to the public and require public notice. Proof of public notice is included in the correspondence folder.

Pat Gooch provided information on the current status of the Farmland Protection Plan Update. Legislator Colby asked Board members to review and be prepared to consider recommending the plan to the Monroe County Legislature at the February AFPB Meeting.

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New business:

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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM, moved by Ron Brand, seconded by Jackie Smith.