



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

April 30, 2026

The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM and roll was taken by Chairman Colby.

Present: Marilyn DeMeyer, Mark Greene, Betsy Brightly, Chairman Robert Colby (Legislator), Legislator Jackie Smith, Lorna Wright, Rollin Pickering, Amy Grande, Jamila Haseler, Pat Gooch

Absent: Hollie Johnson

Guests: None

Chairman Colby shared that there are three new members on the board. A round of member introductions took place and the Chair welcomed Betsy Brightly, Lorna Wright and Hollie Johnson (not present) to the Board.

Approval of the February 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Legislator Smith motioned to adopt the February 26, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. J. Haseler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Announcements and Communication:

- P. Gooch shared the timeline for the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update. The Public Hearing and Adoption will be set by the Legislature and is anticipated for July 14, 2026.
- Member Marilyn DeMeyer announced that she is resigning from the Board, she will be stepping down after today's meeting.

Public forum:

No one present for a public forum.

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Matters for preliminary and final approval:

Annual Agricultural District Additions

P. Gooch provided information for the annual agricultural additions through presentation and maps. The report included a list of ten (10) parcels from eight (8) landowners. The Board reviewed and considered each parcel individually.

- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by R. Pickering, and adopted to add parcel 204.02-1-20.11, Mendon, NY - (14.23 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District.
- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by J. Smith, and adopted to add parcel 012.01-1-5.111, Hamlin, NY - (54.11 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District. Member B. Brightly abstained from the vote to reduce any appearance of a conflict of interest.
- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by M. DeMeyer, and adopted to add parcel 016.02-2-2.1, Parma, NY - (18.6 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District.
- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by Jarmila Haseler, and adopted to add parcel 031.03-1-10.112, Clarkson, NY – (10.1 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District.
- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by Rollin Pickering, and adopted to add parcel 112.02-1-7.12, Sweden, NY – (70.50 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District.
- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by M. Greene, and adopted to add parcel 141.01-1-48 and 141.01-1-14.1, Penfield, NY – (67.85 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District.
- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by M. DeMeyer, and adopted to add parcel 057.01-2-21.4, Parma, NY – (39.23 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District.
- A motion was made by Legislator Colby, seconded by B. Brightly, to add parcels 034.01-1-41 and 034.01-1-43, Greece, NY – (4.28 acres) to the Monroe County Agricultural District. Motion failed. Zero voting in favor to add the above two referenced parcels to the Monroe County Agricultural District.

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Correspondence:

None

Informational matters:

None

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Other business:

The Board discussed recent complaints received into the County and the AFPB regarding parcels in the Agricultural District. This included a property in Clarkson.

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Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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A motion was made by Chairman Colby, seconded by, Lorna Wright, and adopted to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm.

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