

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ERIE COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 22, 2025
Public Meeting @ 7 pm
RCC Power House, 39 S. Grove St., East Aurora

MINUTES

- 1. Board Meeting Call to Order:** Brett Kreher, *President called to order at 7:04PM*

Board Members Attending: Brett Kreher, Matt Agle, Jerry Irving, Margaret Raupp, Melissa Keller, Ron Engasser, Carla DiCanio

Non-Board Members Attending: Diane Held

- 2. Agenda review - no changes**

- 3. Approval of Board and Committee Minutes** Melissa Keller, *Secretary*

- ◆ *Approval of June 24, 2025 Board meeting minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Carla DiCanio seconded by Matt Agle, motion passed unanimously.*
- ◆ *Approval of June 24, 2025 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee meeting minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Jerry Irving seconded by Carla DiCanio, motion passed unanimously.*

- 4. Approval of May Financial Reports** Cara DiCanio, *Treasurer*

- ◆ Diane gave an overview of the May 2025 Financial Report.
- ◆ *Motion to approve May 2025 Financial Reports was made by Jerry Irving and seconded by Carla DiCanio. Motion passed unanimously.*

- 5. Reports:**

- ◆ Committees: Capital Project; Finance; Operations; Development; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - i. Nothing to report on committees
- ◆ Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - i. Update on today's ED call from Andy Turner: Smith Lever, Hatch funding are level. SNAP Ed is not funded.
- ◆ Executive Director
 - i. Budget request needs to go to County by the end of the week.
 - ii. WNY Foundation might be organizing an event for CCEs in the 8-county region to speak with potential funders.
 - iii. Some Board members attended PFC tour last week. Toured PFC and came over to our pavilion as well.
 - iv. Give 716 campaign was successful. Do not have final numbers yet but anticipating between \$2500-3000.
 - v. Donation received for \$5,000 to fund the well.

- vi. For the Livestock Auction will seek to pay sellers in 30 days.

6. Old Business:

- ◆ Contract Updates
 - i. Taste NY - Our contract with Taste NY has expired. The new contract would have begun July 1st. It is not abnormal for the State to be late with contracting.
 - ii. New contract for \$72,000 should be coming from NYSDAM to Cornell to 2 pilot counties: Erie and Nassau. This will fund some 4-H programming and is called the 4-H ThriveLab.
- ◆ Funding update and discussion on SNAP
 - i. There has not been any guidance from the federal government on disbursement of computers, equipment, supplies.
 - ii. There is a separate office for SNAP Ed in S. Buffalo, Diane has asked the landlord if we can move the lease to month to month.
 - iii. Diane discussed the gaps we will have to cover for administrative costs and the SNAP program manager in absence of the SNAP Ed funding. Anticipate that our budget can take us through the end of the year.
 - iv. Finance and Operations Committees will need to meet this fall.
- ◆ Capital Project updates and discussion
 - i. Emke Well Drilling will be just under \$10,000 and the well drilling will occur in August. Twenty chairs are at the pavilion, with another 80 on the way.
 - ii. Capital Project next steps
 - 1. The Board discussed the capital project. Capital Projects Committee will meet to discuss the vision for this further and will bring something to the Board in September.

7. New Business

- ◆ Board Member resignation
 - i. Jehrin Calhoun has resigned.
- ◆ Annual meeting date and location
 - i. Board discussed the annual meeting. Meeting will be October 23rd and we will plan to hold the annual meeting at the pavilion.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jerry Irving and seconded by Carla DiCanio. Motion approved.

Submitted by,
Melissa Keller