

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia & Greene Counties**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Agroforestry Resource Center, Acra**  
**July 11, 2023**

**Present:** Virgilia Tegiacchi, Elizabeth Chiong, Billy Greer, Matthew Maraglio, Amanda Pierro, Cathi Annese, Sandra Gardner, Josh Lipsman, Rebecca Pinder

**Absent:** Ginger Benedict, Linda Levitt, Danielle Hautaniemi, Sherry True, Timothy Ooms, Michael Brown, Roberta Keller, Alicia McCagg

**Staff:** Lisa Gallina, Becky Polmateer, William Pfleumer, Jackie Reese, Debra Pitkin

**Call to Order** – Association Board Vice President, Matthew Maraglio, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. William Pfleumer and Debra Pitkin, new CCE staff were welcomed.

**Agenda** – Josh Lipsman moved to accept the meeting agenda; Cathi Annese seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Board Meeting Minutes** - Virgilia Tegiacchi moved to approve the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes; Josh Lipsman seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Executive Committee** – Matthew Maraglio (no meeting)

Sandra Gardner moved appoint Jackie Reese as recording secretary; Cathi Annese seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Nominating Committee** – Cathi Annese and Sandra Gardner. Received a to-do list, but haven't started it yet.

**Finance & Human Resources Committee Report** – Josh Lipsman (no meeting)

Resolution to update designees for the Fidelity account. Billy Greer moved to accept the resolution; Sandra Gardner seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Fundraising** – Cathi Annese.

Fundraising meeting notes were attached with Agenda packet. Cathi provided an update:

- "Save the Date" post cards will be mailed out.
- Cathi shared a list of previous donors. Board members were asked to reach out to anyone they know.
- Looking for 6-10 4-H members over 12 to set up/clean up, bus tables, etc.
- Plan to have two speakers (8 minutes each)

**Facilities Committee** – no report

**Environment & Natural Resources** – Matt Maraglio (no meeting)

**4-H Youth Development & Families** – Roberta Keller.

- Very successful dairy clinic at Dutch Hollow Farm. Also a livestock clinic at Trowbridge Farms and a small animal clinic in Extension Education Center in Hudson. Upcoming goat/sheep event on July 17.
- Becky Polmateer – Milk Bar at the CC Fair – need 4-H kids to take ownership and take shifts, not board members. If the kids don't show up, it can't remain open. Will send out sign up sheet/schedule and let board members know if help is needed.

**Greene County Legislator** – no report

**Columbia County Board of Supervisors** – no report

**Executive Director Report** – Lisa Gallina

- Looking into project funding for our Siuslaw Model Forest Pavilion.
- Outreach at multiple farms and community events.
- Tracey, Audrey and Shane hosted 12-14 Regeneron employees - they volunteered in the forest and then had lunch from Taste NY.
- Onboarding of new staff and recruiting to fill vacancies.
- Attended the Executive Leadership Conference (ELC) in Long Island.
- Hosted Lieutenant Governor Delgado for an Educational session and Agroforestry tour.
- July/August is dedicated to:
  - overseeing recruitment of open positions and onboarding
  - preparing for and attending both fairs
  - attending our internal programs and community outreach
  - ongoing work with Siuslaw and elected officials on the Pavilion
  - working with fundraising committee on the annual fundraiser

**New Business** – none

**Adjourn** – Josh Lipsman moved to adjourn the meeting; Sandra Gardner seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Jackie Reese, Recording Secretary*