

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Steuben County

Agriculture & Natural Resources Program Advisory Committee

February 10, 2026

4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Steuben County Annex Building, CCE Steuben Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 4:30 pm K. Callero, S. Walker, C. Susick, G. Longwell, S. Sammis, C. Comstock, K. Peterson, G. Longwell and T. McKinley
2. Approval of Minutes – January 2026 – K. Peterson motions to approve, and C. Comstock seconded. All approved.
3. CCE Reports/Updates – 15 minutes

S. Walker - CCE Updates

- February 21 – Apple Tree Pruning – Crooked Line Apple Orchard
- February 21 – Oyster Mushroom Growing – Canisteo Library
- March 21 – Apple Tree Propagation – Civil Defense?
- February 15 – March 17 – Planning Department Announcement on inclusion of agricultural land into existing land for Steuben County.
- Pivotal Survey on Raw Milk from Public Health out to complete
- Ag Literacy Week in March – still looking for book sponsors to purchase books for schools and libraries
- Lots of opportunities for Pesticide credits happening right now
- Looking into doing training on storm water permits, landowner stream work, no till, grazing rotation workshop, manure applicator training and more

K. Callero – Team Updates Events

- March 3 – Training on how to get Pesticide Applicator Training
- Record Keeping Training happening – not sure when?
- Working on grant for livestock models
- Hoof trimmer in Steuben and Allegany County would like an apprentice – let Katie know if know someone – would like to do an intro to hoof trimmer workshop with youth to get more youth interested in it. Could get information to youth in various ways such as BOCES and high school events.
- Winter Webinar series happening

T. McKinley – CCE Updates

- Strategic planning meeting January 30
- Looking for grants and support for SNAP Ed

4. Member Input & Updates – **What are Committee members seeing as needs for the community related to Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Horticulture? 20-30 Minutes**

- G. Longwell – Wrote a grant for Youth Bureau for environmental education for adventure based learning.
- C. Comstock – Not at MCBR but could be at some point. Working on maple sap lines at this time.
- K. Peterson – Had a great turnout for video premier for Finger Lakes Farm County at the Palace Theater, campaign launches in April. Maddie from Explore Steuben will be doing FAM tours (familiarization tours). Saturday May 30, will be doing a river launch event at Kinsella Park in Erwin with education around safety, conservation and more.
- S. Sammis – A volunteer is looking to plant trees in Corning. C. Susick offered support from Soil and Water with tree sale and items to help with planting. Helping with Canisteo Community Garden and Seed to Supper. Would like to support some kind of food gleaning project. Started “Open Table”, a community dinner at his church on Wednesdays.
- C. Susick – Soil & Water, J. and V. Parker, were at Lobby Days in Albany to help support farms and advocate for various legislation for farmers. Soil and Water is fully staffed and will have an intern. Looking at sites to plant trees in Steuben County. Supply prices are increasing – especially rocks. Tree sale program is going on currently. Will also have some no till rentals for the community. Poultry Management class at Alfred State is going well. Personally working on getting potatoes planted in the Spring. S. Walker asked if some Master Gardeners could learn about potatoes with C. Susick.
- Upper Susquehanna Coalition has opportunities for tree planting.
- How can we localize getting licenses for drones?

5. Any Other Business?

6. Future Meeting Dates:

April 14
June 9
August 11
October 13

7. Motion to Adjourn 5:38 – S. Sammis motioned to adjourn, K. Peterson seconded, all approved.