

# **Tioga County Agricultural Land Preservation Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday April 20, 2026**

**7 PM Tokishi Building**

Call to Order: Chairman Karl Kroeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: The roll call found (6) members in attendance: Karl Kroeck, Bill Plummer, Sam Wilson, Donald Norman, Donald Hoffman, and Gayle Morrow. Also in attendance: Kaye Aumick; Administrator.

Public in attendance: None

Approval of Minutes: A copy of the September minutes was available for review. Motion was made by Donald Norman to approve, second by Sam Wilson. Motion carried by roll call vote with 4 yes votes and 1 abstain.

Public Comment: None

### Nominations and election of officers:

- Karl Kroeck was nominated by Bill Plummer for the position of chairperson, second by Sam Wilson. Motion carried by roll call vote with 5 yes votes and 1 abstain.
- Donald Norman was nominated for Vice Chair by Donald Hoffman, second by Karl Kroeck. Motion carried by roll call vote with 5 yes votes and 1 abstain.

### Old Business:

- Funding – Kaye Aumick reviewed the funding spreadsheet for 2025/2026.
- Farms in the Pipeline:
  - Yungwirth (2024) – Working to get everything needed settled so we can move forward.
  - Hultz (2024) – Mr. Hultz must redo the property deed to show clear ownership for him. Once this is done we will be able to get scheduled for state board approval. Hopefully in June or August.
  - Trostle (2024 – Donation) – Ms. Trostle stopped in and would like to begin the process for preservation. Seneca reclaimed what they can, another company owns the last well on the pad and it is unknown what they are going to do. She would like to just move forward.
  - Cooper (2025) – The title commitment has been received and reviewed. We can now move forward with uploading all documents to the state and getting the AOS signed by the solicitor. We should be able to get this to the state board for approval later this year.

### New Business:

- 2026 Rankings and review of the top 5 farms.
- The board talked about possibly preserving the top 3 farms. Kaye will check the funding numbers and bring them back to the next meeting.
- After much discussion the rankings for 2026 were approved with Donald Hoffman making the motion and second by Sam Wilson.
- The rankings can now be sent to all the applicants with a 30-day comment period open until May 22.

### Other Business:

Next Meeting: May 18, 2026, 7:00 pm at the Tokishi Building.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Aumick.