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1) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Vincent, Mike Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Rick Ruemenapp, Alan Thueme, Lindsey Uppleger, Donna Wojtysiak, Bernie Dudek, Linda Taylor, Kevin Smith, Linea Burch, Liz Pennazoli, Colleen Provost, Lori Warchuck, Robin Vigneron, Rob Usakowski.

Excused: Kylie Veldman, Kent Renn, Tim Warchuck, Jake Sieloff.

Guests: Julie Sovis, Lois and Bob Podgorski, Connie Murray, Tom Stickley, Benjamin and Michelle Weston, Cathie Usakowski, Stacy DeShon, Ken Sieloff, Amber Patterson.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted by A. Thueme, supported by M. Tomasek

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Discussion held about a Farm Bureau grant of \$1,000 for youth at the fair. Discussion regarding where it might go and the ag education committee will follow through on this. Application is due mid-May.

Farm Bureau had a discussion about the Ag on the Move trailer and they have decided not to move forward in pursuing the Genesee Co. trailer, so we are back to square one on partnering with them on the trailer. They are investigating what it would take to build their own trailer.

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Motion carried.

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