



*Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park*

Executive Committee Meeting, May 20, 2016, 9:00a – 10:00a

Members Present: Mike Manikowski, Matt Horn, Susan Brown  
Non-Members Present: John Johnson, Gordon Maynard

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The meeting minutes of the April 16, 2016 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Matt Horn and second by Susan Brown. *MOTION APPROVED*

Susan commented that Tom Burr would stand-in for her for one year on the Tech Farm board-of-directors.

John recommended Tom be added to the Tech Farm's email distribution list of board members.

John explained the progress underway for test drilling a well for water on Tech Farm acreage. An analysis of the ground water will also be undertaken.

John reviewed the 2016 Operating Budget and the incubator grant project's progress.

John updated the progress made on the purchase of the Tops building, a final draft of the purchase offer is expected this day. John also mentioned that the Town of Geneva is currently developing use/change provisions for zoning the Tops building.

John highlighted recent travel to Virginia with Matt Horn as they sought to better understand the operations of a prospective tenant for the Tech Farm; Blue Ridge Aquaponics.

Matt indicated that the Blue Ridge Aquaponics facilities appear to be a very clean business operation. Blue Ridge is requesting approximately 50 acres of land which would support operations for about 25 primary jobs.

John explained that prospective tenant, Hellenic Protein, is developing a memorandum of understanding for an agreement to become a tenant at the Tech Farm.

John added that current tenant, Agro Research, is developing plans to construct a building at the Tech Farm.

John said site planning engineering proposals have been received from three engineering firms; BergmannPC, BMA Associates and McFarland-Johnson. The executive Committee selected Bergmann with unanimous support.

Matt recommended the engineering proposals contain scope-of-services, topographic work, environmental concerns and a civil engineering site plan for the Tech Farm.

Mike added that he would like the engineering firm selected...to present their work to the Tech Farm's Executive Committee.

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