



Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park
Executive Committee Meeting, November 16, 2017, 9:00a – 10:00a

Members Present: Matt Horn, Mike Manikowski, Bill Strassburg, Mike Nozzolio
Non-Members Present: John Johnson, Gordon Maynard

Mike Manikowski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2017.

Matt seconded said motion, motion approved.

John reviewed the operating budget Year-To-Date;

- Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association is a new tenant at the Tech Farm
- Six offices and one lab space will become available in January of 2018
- Building maintenance costs are rising above annual estimates
- Received second of four grant payments from Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority

John explained that the ground lease language has been approved by the Cornell University legal department, for Agro Research's new building construction proposal

John outlined a vision statement for future of the Technology Farm;

- Tech Farm to be the center of a "food hub" for three economic regions in New York State; Finger Lakes, Central New York and Southern Tier
- Tech Farm as a food hub to provide technical assistance to business entrepreneurs
- Food Hub stakeholders to include; Cornell Experiment Station, NY Ag & Markets, Empire State Development, Office of the Governor, Ontario County, City of Geneva, corporate industry representation and the Tech Farm Collaboration from multi-region economic development teams from the Finger Lakes, Central New York and Southern Tier

Mike Nozzolio recommended that the story of collaboration could be crystalized through examples of applied research
Bill added that there are examples of applied and clinical research at the School of Integrative Plant Science at Cornell University in Ithaca

Mike Manikowski said could develop a URI to define the collaboration story

Bill stated that the NYFAC Competition could become a component of the new Tech Farm vision

John said that Cornell University needs to take the lead in the collaboration project effort

Mike Nozzolio mentioned the need to identify funding sources, structured on existing Greater Rochester enterprise

Matt said he could help identify a resource to develop the collaboration concept and build a presentation outlining the Food & Ag Hub model.

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