

*Public Hearing*  
*Owego-Nichols Agricultural District #2*  
*July 27, 2020*

The Public Hearing on review of a proposed plan for continuation with modifications of Agricultural District #2 in the Towns of Owego and Nichols was called to order by Deputy Chair Hollenbeck at 1:20 P.M. Legislative members Hollenbeck, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Weston were present with Legislators Balliet, Monell, Mullen, and Sullivan being absent.

Staff members Megan Griffiths, Agricultural Development Specialist, Bill Ostrander, GIS Manager, and Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk were present.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Megan Griffiths, Agricultural Development Specialist spoke. "This is the eight-year anniversary of the Owego-Nichols Agricultural District. This process started back at the end of February/beginning of March 2020 and, between Tioga County ED&P and GIS, outreach was done to all potential farmers and anyone who owns agricultural land in the District. Tioga County ED&P sent letters to all affected landowners regarding this public hearing.

"As of today, the number of acres in the District is 27,444. The number of acres in farms is 26,082, which is approximately 95% of the agricultural parcels in the District. There are 243 farms and the number of acres owned by farmers is 25,175. The number of acres of non-farmers is 903.

"Since the last review in 2012, there has been an addition of 1,158 acres and none were removed this year. There is an increase of 686 farms, as a result of adding five farming enterprises in the District.

"Maps are available here today with all the parcels from previous years with the addition of this year's information".

There being no public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 1:23 P.M.