

PUBLIC HEARING
ORLEANS COUNTY LEGISLATURE
July 27, 2021, 4:20 p.m.
Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1
Additions to the District

Present: Chairman Lynne M. Johnson, Vice Chairman William Eick, Legislators: Donald, Allport Merle Draper, John Fitzak, Fred Miller, Ed Morgan; County Attorney Kathy Bogan, Chief Administrative Officer John C. Welch, Jr., Planning & Development Director James Bensley, Chairman of Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Barry Flansburg and Corey Winters.

Chairman Johnson opened the public hearing at 4:20 p.m. Clerk Stenshorn read the public notice of public hearing. Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Bensley and Mr. Flansburg to explain the process.

Jim Bensley stated this is the annual mid-summer time to request specific land parcels be added to the single Ag. Dist. throughout the county. This year there are 8 parcels totaling almost 279 acres. There was a public meeting of the Farmland Protection Board on July 13, 2022. The Board did agree and vote on adding these parcels to the Ag. District. After approval of Resolution No. 366-722 by this Legislature, it will then go to NYS Ag. and Markets to be certified. The County next large review is in 2024.

Barry Flansburg, Chairman of the Ag. and Farmland Protection Board stated that they held their meeting and approved all of the parcels. The handout is the recommendation for this year. In 2024 every parcel in the district will be reviewed. It is at this time that land owners have the option of remaining in or being taken out of the Ag. District. This is a large undertaking that begins in 2023. We are very proud that Orleans County is the only county in NYS that has only one Ag. District. This large review is done only once every 8 years.

Corry Winters, County Planner, stated this is the largest acreage enrolled in the past four years at 279 acres. This is a good improvements from past years. Last year was only 140 acres.

Chairman Johnson asked for any questions or comments from the public. This was asked three times. There were no remarks from the public.

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to close at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk
Orleans County Legislature