Public Hearing Annual Agricultural District Inclusion February 20, 2014

The Public Hearing on requests of inclusion of viable agricultural land in agricultural districts received within the designated time period in 2014 was called to order by the Chair at 10:03 A.M. All Legislative members were present.

There were three people in attendance.

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

Chair Sauerbrey stated that in Elaine Jardine's absence Kat Loeck, Extension Community Educator and Regional Fruit & Vegetable Specialist from Tioga County Cornell Cooperative Extension will be presenting.

Kat Loeck spoke. "Thank you. In 2014 we received seven requests for a total acreage of 407.74 acres, which were located within the Spencer, Owego/Nichols, and North Tioga Ag Districts. Farm types include beef, cattle, horses, hay, corn, blueberries, managed woodlots. On February 18 this information was presented to the Tioga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, which made a resolution to accept these inclusions."

George Penney spoke. "I think all of us should realize that agriculture is primarily the most significant business we have in Tioga County. Thank you."

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.