

*Public Hearing
Annual Agricultural District Inclusion
February 19, 2026*

The Public Hearing on requests of inclusion of viable agricultural land in agricultural districts received within the designated time period in 2026 was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 A.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Monell, and Rose were present with Legislators Flesher and Standingger being absent.

There were nine people in attendance.

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

Elaine Jardine, County Planning Director, of the Economic Development & Planning Department spoke. "Good morning. For the 2026 annual agricultural district inclusion period of January 2nd – 31st, we received one request from Eric Johnson that involves six parcels where he is rotationally growing wheat, corn, rye, and hay, so it meets the high test of Ag & Markets that it is viable, active agriculture on these six parcels and these additions will make great inclusions because they will connect contiguous parcels that are enrolled in the agricultural district around him. These six parcels equate to 270.6 acres in the Town of Owego, Owego-Nichols Agricultural District #2."

There being no public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:02 A.M.