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ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

October 19, 2022

The Honorable April N.M. Baskin
Chair, Erie County Legislature
Old County Hall
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chairperson Baskin:

As you know the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) is an important advisory body whose purpose is to advise the Erie County Legislature on agricultural matters.

In accordance with New York State Agricultural and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 302, members of the AFPB are to be appointed by the Chairperson of the County Legislative Body.

The Board kindly asks the Chairperson to appoint Brett Kreher and Daniel Henry to the Erie County AFPB. Please see the attached cover letters and resumes of Mr. Kreher and Henry.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL CASTLE, AICP
COMMISSIONER

DC/seg
Enclosures (4)

Cc: Sarah Gatti



5411 Davison Road, P.O. Box 410, Clarence New York 14031 (716) 759-6802

September 13, 2022

Honorable April Baskin
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chairperson Baskin:

Please accept this letter as a request for reappointment to the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board as a farmer.

Enclosed is information regarding my background and qualifications for serving on this important advisory board.

Please contact me at (716) 759-6802 or Brett@krehereggs.net should you require additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett D. Kreher". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brett D. Kreher
Partner

cc: Sarah Gatti, Department of Environment and Planning

Brett D. Kreher

Kreher's Farm Fresh Eggs
5411 Davison Road
Clarence, NY 14031

Brett@KreherEggs.net
716.759.6802 (office)
716.713.3398 (cell)

EDUCATION

Cornell University, B.S., Agricultural Economics	May 1989
LEAD New York Class VII (Cornell University)	1998-2000
The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (Texas A&M)	Jan. 2014
Unit 1 and Unit 2 Austin, Texas	Jan. 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kreher's Poultry Farm (and related entities) <i>Partner</i>	1989-present
Partner in 3 rd and 4 th generation family farm in Western and Central New York. We operate 3 vertically integrated egg farms with 1.6 million conventional laying hens at 2 sites, plus 400,000 organic hens at a third site. We grow 2,000 acres of corn conventionally and 3,000 acres of corn, soybeans and triticale organically. We mill all our own feed. We compost our manure which is sold as organic fertilizer. We market our eggs to food service and grocery chains, including Wegmans and Tops.	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board	
<i>Chairman of the Board</i>	2012 - Present
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	2007 - 2012
<i>Board Member</i>	2003 - Present
Erie County Farm Bureau	
<i>President</i>	1995-1997
<i>Board Member</i>	1991-1995
Western New York Land Conservancy	
<i>Technical Advisor, Board Member</i>	1999- 2005

W.D. Henry & Sons, Inc.



Wholesale Growers of Quality Plant Material and Produce

October 8, 2022

Honorable April Baskin
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chairperson Baskin:

Please accept this letter as a request for reappointment to the Erie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board as an active farmer, as required by Article 25-AA of NYS Agriculture and Markets Law.

Enclosed is information regarding my background and qualifications for serving in this role.

Please contact me at (716) 523-9847 or dan@wdhenryandsons.com should you require additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel M. Henry".

Daniel M. Henry
W.D. Henry & Sons, Inc.

CC: Sarah Gatti, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning

Daniel M. Henry

Phone (716) 523-9847

Email dan@wdhenryandsons.com

Agricultural business professional with 15+ years of experience in production, sales, purchasing, personnel management and land stewardship.

Experience

- 3/2021 – Present **Director, Specialty Crop Operations**
Kreher Family Farms / Kreher Enterprises LLC
- Develop and execute operational plans for entire specialty crop operation according to specified delivery requirements
 - Ensure optimal long-term profitability of overall crop operation results
 - Monitor, analyze and report operational performance data
 - Develop and execute sales plans based on crop forecasts and customer needs
- 1/2007 – Present **Vice President**
W.D. Henry & Sons, Inc.
- Strategic planning and business development for fresh market vegetable and flower farm
 - Develop and execute operational plans for multiple business units
 - Ensure long-term viability of business and its assets
- 12/2017 – Present **Sales & Quality Assurance**
Pete Andolina Produce Sales, Inc.
- Develop and maintain key sales accounts
 - Ensure proper inventory management and quality control procedures are being followed
- 1/2006 – 1/2007 **Sales Coordinator**
The Oppenheimer Group
- Assist sales team in key account management
 - Collaborate with sales team to achieve sales goals

Education

- 2001 – 2005 **Michigan State University**
BA, Agribusiness Management, Specialization in Food Industry Management
- March 2016 **Cornell University**
United Fresh Produce Executive Development Program