

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
April 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:35 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Dale Davis
Harvey Ort
Kenneth Wightman

Staff in attendance:

Ray Chang
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle
Jennifer McCulloch

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were not available.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Wightman, the board closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act and per the board's standard resolution language, and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:55 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Mr. Chang informed the board regarding the staffing changes within the Preservation Trust, namely that Ms. McCulloch will no longer be working for the CADB, but will instead be setting up and heading the new Flood Mitigation Program. Ms. McCulloch described her new role and thanked the board for all the years working to preserve farmland in Morris County. The board and Ms. Coyle thanked Ms. McCulloch for her years of service and wished her success in her new position. Ms. Coyle informed the boards that a new staff person would hopefully soon join the Preservation Trust. This person would provide assistance to all programs within the Preservation Trust.

RIGHT TO FARM

Draft AMP for On-Farm Direct Marketing Facilities, Activities, and Events. Ms. Coyle informed the board that she had drafted a letter to the SADC summarizing member D. Davis' comments. The board reviewed and discussed the draft and directed Ms. Coyle to submit it to the SADC as official comments.

Sipos (Frog Hollow Farm). Ms. Coyle informed the board that the owners of the farm contacted CADB staff regarding the SADC's final decision. They stated that the decision contained inaccurate information and asked staff to provide advice. Ms. Coyle stated that she responded by informing the farm owners that neither staff, nor the Morris CADB, could comment on the SADC's decision as they were not involved in the decision-making process. Ms. Coyle further advised the farm owners to seek legal advice from an attorney who can help interpret the decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

MCADB presentation to Board of Chosen Freeholders. Ms. Coyle informed the board that Ms. Cybulski is scheduled to present the proposed changes to the Farmland Preservation Program at the Freeholder Budget Sub-Committee meeting on April 25, 2012.

Monitoring of Western Region. Ms. Coyle informed the board that she would be monitoring the Western Region farms in May and June.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director