

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
April 7, 2022
(Held remotely via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:31 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Frank Carrajat
Thomas Galfo
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Also in attendance:

Commissioner Stephen Shaw
William Roehrich, Washington Twp. Liaison
Timothy Willmott, SADC

Staff in attendance:

Joseph Barilla
Staci Santucci, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Davis announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger and posted on the Morris County website.

Ms. Coyle announced that the meeting was being held remotely via WebEx and was being recorded. Ms. Coyle provided instructions for the public to provide comments during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the March 3, 2022 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Galfo, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the March 3, 2022 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Galfo, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals provided comments regarding the Backer Farm application:

George Koenig
Peter Banos

RIGHT TO FARM

Ort Farms, Washington Township: request for SSAMP. Ms. Santucci informed the Board that the CADB is awaiting guidance from the SADC regarding the lack of available members to hear the application.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Legislative Updates. Legislative updates were shared via email prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DRAFT Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan. Ms. Coyle stated that the draft Plan had been forwarded to all municipalities and posted on the CADB's website for review and public comment.

Organic certification program. Ms. Coyle shared with the Board the joint CADB/Board of Agriculture letter that had been sent to the Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Agriculture requesting reinstatement of the program.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following individual provided comments:

George Koenig

Member Carrajat left the meeting at this point.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Davis announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Morris CADB considered closing the open portion of the meeting in order to discuss matters related to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, and litigation in Closed Session. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Galfo, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:14 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director