

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
June 9, 2022
(Held remotely via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:30 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Frank Carrajat
Thomas Galfo
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Conor Evans
Harvey Ort

Also in attendance:

Peter Nitzsche, RCE
Timothy Willmott, SADC
David Vaback, 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 Morris County Board of County Commissioners, 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 Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the April 7, 2022 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the April 7, 2022 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Galfo, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Carrajat

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

RIGHT TO FARM

There were no RTF matters.

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. The Board discussed the draft Plan and comments received. Members agreed that they needed more time for review.

NEW BUSINESS

SADC draft soil protection standards. Revised draft soil protection standards were shared with the Board prior to the meeting. Members agreed to re-submit to the SADC comments that were submitted in 2021.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

At this point, member Carrajat left the meeting.

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 Thomson,

seconded by member Galfo, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Galfo, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:24 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Barth, Washington Township. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board directed staff to send correspondence to the property owner per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.


Aye: Ashley Myers, Galfo, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director