

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**October 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Wightman at 7:42 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Dale Davis  
Kathy Hammond  
Harvey Ort  
Kenneth Wightman

Members with an excused absence:

Rick Desiderio  
Gregory Keller

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion  
W. Randall Bush, Esq.  
Katherine Coyle

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**COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW**

Vice-Chairman Wightman 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 Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board members adopted the minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None      Abstain: None

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board members adopted the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None      Abstain: None

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, Vice-Chairman Wightman 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 Davis, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:38 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

*Koehler Farm, Rockaway Township.* On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board agreed to make an offer to the landowners per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*Monitoring – Western Region.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of the Western Region was underway.

*Annual Planning Incentive Grant Application.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that no comments were received in response to the annual notifications to all municipalities with farms targeted for preservation.

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

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There were no RTF matters to review.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At this point member Ort left the meeting room.

*Resolution 2016-09: Preliminary Approval: Williams Farm, Mt. Olive Twp.* On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Davis, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-09. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Hammond, and Wightman

Nay: None      Abstain: None      Absent: Ort

At this point member Ort returned to the meeting room.

*Resolution 2016-10: Preliminary Approval: Parish Farm, Mendham Twp.* On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Davis, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-10. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None      Abstain: None

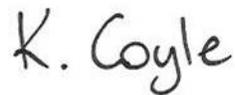
## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Member Wightman informed the Board that he would be retiring by the end of the year and moving out of state. The Board and staff expressed their gratitude for member Wightman's many years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle

Director