

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**April 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:38 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Rick Desiderio  
Thomas Galfo  
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Gregory Keller  
Harvey Ort

Also in attendance:

Stephen Shaw, Morris County Freeholder  
Deborah Post  
Michael Holenstein

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion (departed at 8:52 pm; returned at 9:32 pm)  
Staci Santucci, Esq.  
Katherine Coyle

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The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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, the Star Ledger and posted on the Morris County website.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Desiderio, the Board members approved the February 7, 2019 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Desiderio, Galfo and Thomson

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers and Davis

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the February 7, 2019 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Desiderio, Galfo and Thomson

Nay: None     Abstain: Ashley Myers and Davis

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the March 14, 2019 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None     Abstain: Galfo

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the March 14, 2019 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None     Abstain: Galfo

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Deborah Post distributed documents and a PowerPoint presentation to the Board members and addressed the Board regarding the County's appraisals of her property including the use of Highlands Council Municipal Averages. Ms. Post's appraiser, Mr. Holenstein, also addressed the Board regarding appraisals of farms in the Highlands Region and the use of Municipal Averages.

Mr. Holenstein departed at 8:35 pm. Ms. Post departed at 8:50 pm.

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to submit Ms. Post's appraisal comments to the County's appraisers and to request their response.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None     Abstain: None

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board directed staff to send a letter to the Highlands Council regarding the use of Municipal Averages in the valuation of farmland for preservation in the Highlands Region. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None     Abstain: None

## **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 Thomson, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Galfo, Thomson and Davis  
Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 10:01 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No actions were taken.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

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

*August meeting date change.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that the August meeting date was changed to August 1, 2019. A Public Notice had been posted.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There was no RTF business.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

At this point, member Thomson left the meeting room.

Resolution 2019-06: Alldian Farm, Washington Township: Application for Installation of Ground-Mounted Soar Energy Generation Facility on a Preserved Farm. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Desiderio, the Board adopted Resolution 2019-06. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio and Davis  
Nay: None Abstain: Galfo

At this point, member Thomson returned to the meeting room.

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Desiderio, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*K. Coyle*

Katherine Coyle  
Director