

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**May 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:32 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Rick Desiderio (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)  
Gregory Keller  
Harvey Ort  
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Thomas Galfo

Also in attendance:

Alan Moore (departed at 7:46 p.m.)

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion  
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**

The minutes of the April meeting were not available.

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:10 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board directed staff to correspond with Harding Township regarding the Simon farm, as discussed during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Keller, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to send an offer letter to Mr. Charles Rowe, as discussed during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

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

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There was no RTF business.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Coyle informed the Board that per last month's discussion, staff sent a letter to the Highlands Council regarding the use of municipal averages for properties in the Highlands Region.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Davis addressed the Board regarding a discussion of the Chester Township Council about an ordinance dealing with site plan approvals for farms. The Chester Township Farm Advisory Board was tasked with reviewing this matter. The Board agreed that the Advisory Board could request input from the CADB regarding proposed ordinances.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Desiderio, seconded by member Thomson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Coyle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Katherine Coyle  
Director