

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 2nd Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
November 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:35 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Rick Desiderio
Thomas Galfo
Gregory Keller
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Also in attendance:

Kurt Alstede, MC Board of Ag. (departed at 10 pm)
Deborah Post, MC Board of Ag. (departed at 10 pm)
Amy Mandelbaum, SADC (departed at 10 pm)
Jeffrey Everett, SADC (departed at 10 pm)

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion
Staci Santucci, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

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.

NEW BUSINESS

SADC draft proposals – special occasion events on preserved farmland and soil protection standards. Mr. Jeffrey Everett, SADC's Deputy Executive Director, presented both proposals to the Board and members of the public. The Board members asked numerous questions and discussed the proposals. Mr. Everett stated that the SADC is asking for formal comments regarding both proposals.

Mr. Everett, Ms. Mandelbaum, Mr. Alstede and Ms. Post departed at this point.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the September 12, 2019 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the September 12, 2019 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the October 10, 2019 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Keller and Ort

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the October 10, 2019 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Keller and Ort

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

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 10:27 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Keller, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board agreed to make an offer to the owners of the Perkoski Farm as discussed during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Galfo, 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.

Annual PIG Application. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she was in the process of preparing the annual SADC PIG application. The PIG application is due mid-December.

Monitoring – Western Region. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of the Western Region was in progress.

RIGHT TO FARM

At this point, members Ashley Myers, Davis and Ort left the meeting room.

Alstede Farms, Chester Township (Request for SSAMP). Ms. Coyle informed the Board that Mr. Alstede had withdrawn his application for an SSAMP.

At this point, members Ashley Myers, Davis and Ort returned to the meeting room.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director