

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 2nd Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
September 10, 2020
(Held remotely via Webex)

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

Aimee Ashley Myers
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Thomas Galfo
Gregory Keller

Also in attendance:

Peter Nitzsche, RCE

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, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger and posted on the Morris County website.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the August 6, 2020 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Ort

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the August 6, 2020 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Ort

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:40 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, 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.

Monitoring – Central and N-E Regions. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of farms in the Central and North-East Regions had been completed.

Monitoring – Western Region. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of farms in the Western Region would begin in October.

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

Resolution 2020-04: PSE&G Roseland–Pleasant Valley Overhead Transmission Project – Kielblock Farm, Long Hill Twp. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-04. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Ort

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 Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director