

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**October 10, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:39 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:

Janet Hoven, Mayor, Chester Borough (departed at 8:03 p.m.)  
Josh, Terry and Garrett Chaffee (departed at 8:03 p.m.)  
Frank Pinto (departed at 8:03 p.m.)  
Ben Spinelli (departed at 8:03 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**

Minutes of the September 12, 2019 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 Galfo, 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 8:19 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No actions were taken.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*SADC draft proposals – special occasion events on preserved farmland and soil protection standards.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board regarding the SADC's presentation of both proposals during the SADC's monthly meeting. Ms. Coyle has invited SADC staff to attend an upcoming CADB meeting to present both proposals to the Board.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

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

*Alstede Farms, Chester Township (Complaint).* Staff and the Board reviewed correspondence sent by Ms. Rubright and Mr. Sposaro. In light of Mr. Asdal's complaint alleging Deed of Easement violations on the farm, the RTF complaint is tabled until the DOE complaint has been addressed by the SADC and the CADB.

*Alstede Farms, Chester Township (Request for SSAMP).* Staff and the Board reviewed correspondence sent by Ms. Rubright and Mr. Sposaro. In light of Mr. Asdal's complaint alleging Deed of Easement violations on the farm, the SSAMP application is tabled until the DOE complaint has been addressed by the SADC and the CADB.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Alstede Farms, Chester Township (DOE complaint).* Ms. Coyle informed that Board that the SADC will address the complaint at an upcoming meeting, however, the date has not yet been set.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business 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 Galfo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 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