

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 2nd Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
March 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Ashley Myers at 7:32 p.m. Members present:

Rick Desiderio
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Dale Davis
Thomas Galfo
Gregory Keller

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

Vice-Chairperson Ashley Myers 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 and the Star Ledger and posted on the Morris County website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the January 9, 2020 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Ort and Thomson
Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the January 9, 2020 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Ort and Thomson
Nay: None Abstain: None

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Ort and Thomson

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:41 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.

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

Backer Farm, Mendham Township. The matter was tabled due to inadequate number of Board members eligible to vote.

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 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Coyle". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Katherine Coyle
Director