

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
April 13, 2023
(Held remotely via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:34 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Frank Carrajat
Thomas Galfo
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Conor Evans
Harvey Ort

Also in attendance:

Timothy Willmott, SADC

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

Ms. Coyle announced that the meeting was being held remotely via WebEx and was being recorded. Ms. Coyle provided instructions for the public to provide comments during the meeting.

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There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Carrajat, the Board members approved the March 2, 2022 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Carrajat, Galfo, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the March 2, 2022 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Carrajat, Galfo, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Galfo, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:45 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Legislative Updates. Legislative updates were sent to the Board via email prior to the meeting.

SADC – Special Occasion Events. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she attended a presentation by the SADC's Executive Director regarding the recently enacted Special Occasion Events law. Ms. Coyle provided an overview of the law. The SADC posted information about the new Special Occasion Events legislation. You can view them here:
<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/postpres/index.html#10>

RIGHT TO FARM

Ort Farms, Washington Township: request for SSAMP. Ms. Coyle provided the status of the application and informed the Board that the CADB is awaiting comments from Washington Township regarding the application.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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Mr. Tim Willmott provided an update on SADC matters: a new attorney has joined the SADC staff and the SADC continues to work on the draft of the Soil Disturbance rules.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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