

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**May 4, 2023**  
(Held remotely via Webex)

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

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Frank Carrajat  
Thomas Galfo  
Harvey Ort  
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Conor Evans

Also in attendance:

Peter Nitzsche, RCE  
Timothy Willmott, SADC

Staff in attendance:

Joseph Barilla  
Staci Santucci, Esq.  
Katherine Coyle

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**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.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments from the public.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the April 13, 2023 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Ort

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the April 13, 2023 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Ort

## **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*Annual Monitoring.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of farms in the Central Region would begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

*SADC – Soil Protection Standards.* The SADC has posted information about the draft Soil Protection Standards rules. They can be viewed here:

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/documents/SADC%20Meetings/SPS%20draft%20rule%20w.TOC%204.24.23.pdf>.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There were no RTF matters.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution 2023-03: Kielblock Farm, Long Hill Twp. – Preliminary Approval.* On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board adopted Resolution 2023-03. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None     Abstain: Ort

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Mr. Tim Willmott provided an update on SADC matters: (1) the SADC will be adopting updated AMPs for commercial fruit and vegetable production, fencing, and composting, (2) the Committee adopted the draft Soil Protection Standards rules, which will now be forwarded to the Governor's office for review.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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