

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**November 2, 2023**  
(Held remotely via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 4:00 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:

Commissioner Stephen Shaw  
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.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved the September 7, 2023 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **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 Galfo, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 4:10 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

*Kielblock, Long Hill Twp.* On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Carrajat, the Board members directed staff to send and offer letter to the farm owner per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*Annual Monitoring.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that staff was in the process of monitoring farms in the Western Region.

*Annual PIG Application.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she would be submitting the annual PIG application to the SADC in Dec.

*Soil Protection Standards.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that a joint letter from ten CADBs was sent to the SADC regarding the proposal.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There were no RTF matters.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

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

Chairman Davis suggested that a letter be sent to owners of preserved farms regarding the extension of the comment period regarding the draft soil protection rules.

Tim Willmott provided updates from the SADC.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 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

