

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**January 4, 2024**  
(Held remotely via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ort at 7:33 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Frank Carrajat  
Thomas Galfo  
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Dale Davis  
Conor Evans

Also in attendance:

Timothy Willmott, SADC

Staff in attendance:

Joseph Barilla  
Staci Santucci, Esq.  
Katherine Coyle

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**COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW**

Vice-Chairman Ort 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.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**

**Election of Officers**

Vice-Chairman Ort turned the meeting over to Ms. Coyle for the purpose of electing new officers. Ms. Coyle served as temporary Chairperson and took nominations for the position of Chairperson.

*Chairperson*

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, Mr. Davis was nominated for Chairman. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None      Abstain: None

Mr. Davis was elected Chairman.

*Vice-Chairperson*

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, Mr. Ort was nominated for Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Galfo and Thomson

Nay: None      Abstain: Ort

Mr. Ort was elected Vice-Chairman. Vice-Chairman Ort chaired the meeting from this point forward.

*Secretary*

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, Ms. Ashley Myers was nominated for Secretary. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Carrajat, Galfo, Ort and Thomson

Nay: None      Abstain: Ashley Myers

Ms. Ashley Myers was elected Secretary.

**Meeting Dates Resolution**

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved Resolution 2024-01, which established the time, date, place and agenda for the meetings of 2024 and January 2025. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None      Abstain: None

**Mission Statement**

The Board members reviewed the Mission Statement. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the Board agreed that no changes were needed. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None      Abstain: None

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

There were no public comments.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, Vice-Chairman Ort 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 Galfo, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None      Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:47 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No actions were taken.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*Annual PIG Application.* Ms. Coyle informed the members that she had submitted the annual PIG application to the SADC.

*Monitoring – Western Region.* Ms. Coyle informed the members that staff had concluded the monitoring of Western Region farms. Mr. Barilla informed the members that in 2024 staff will monitor farms in teams of two.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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

Mr. Tim Willmott provided an update on SADC matters including readoption of several AMP rules and an update to the agricultural mediation rules.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There were no RTF matters.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 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