

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
March 6, 2025
(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

Staff in attendance:

Joseph Barilla
Staci Santucci, Esq.
Katherine Coyle
Emily Lescano

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved the January 9, 2025 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Legislative Updates. Ms. Coyle provided a summary of legislative updates.

Bylaws. Ms. Santucci provided a summary of section 4.12 of the Bylaws regarding the election of a presiding officer in the event of an absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

Member Thomson suggested a full review of the Bylaws and potential need for amendments.

RIGHT TO FARM

Resolution 2025-02: Gooserock Farm, Montville. Twp: request for SSAMP. On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved the Gooserock Farm SSAMP application and granted the requested waiver due to the constraints of the property. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: Thomson Abstain: None

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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There were no comments from the public.

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 Ort, 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 7:46 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 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