

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
January 8, 2026
(Held virtually 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
Tom Schnipp
Jay Thomson

Also in attendance:

Commissioner Stephen Shaw

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.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Election of Officers

Chairman Davis 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, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary

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

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Mr. Davis was re-elected Chairman. Ms. Ashley Myers was elected Vice-Chairman. Mr. Ort was elected Secretary.

Chairman Davis chaired the meeting from this point forward.

Meeting Dates Resolution

On motion of member Schnipp, seconded by member Galfo, the Board members approved Resolution 2026-01, which established the time, date, place and agenda for the meetings of 2026 and January 2027. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Mission Statement

Ms. Coyle informed the Board that the Mission Statement document had been updated to reflect the renaming of the 8-Year Program to “Term Program”.

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, Schnipp, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mintes of the December 18, 2025 meeting were not available.

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There were no comments from the public.

RIGHT TO FARM

Resolution 2026-02: Fariello, Rockaway Township: request for SSAMP. On motion member Schnipp, seconded by member Galfo, the Board adopted Resolution 2025-05. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Galfo, Ort, Schnipp, 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 Ort, seconded by member Galfo, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, member Ort left the meeting.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:40 pm.

At this point, member Ort returned to the meeting.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Rowe Farm, Mendham Borough – Term Program Renewal. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that Mr. Rowe had signed the Term Program Renewal Agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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Commissioner Stephen Shaw thanked the Board members for volunteering / serving on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Galfo, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Coyle

Katherine Coyle
Director