

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
November 3, 2022
(Held remotely via Webex)

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

Aimee Ashley Myers
Frank Carrajat
Harvey Ort (arrived at 7:43 pm)
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Conor Evans
Thomas Galfo

Also in attendance:

Timothy Willmott, SADC

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.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved the September 1, 2022 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Carrajat, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: No

On motion of member Carrajat, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved the September 6, 2022 Open Session special meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Carrajat and Thomson

Nay: None Recused: Ashley Myers and Davis

At this point, member Ort joined the meeting.

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:25 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Williams, Washington Township. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to inform the landowner of the Board's discussion during Closed Session and to speak with SADC staff regarding the same. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None Recused: Ort

Larison, Chester Borough. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to inform the landowner of the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

Gargiulo, Long Hill Township. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to inform the landowner of the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Annual PIG Application. Ms. Coyle informed the members that she was finalizing the annual PIG application to be submitted to the SADC.

Monitoring – Western Region. Ms. Coyle informed the members that staff were in the process of monitoring of the Western Region farms.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

RIGHT TO FARM

There were no RTF matters.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

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Mr. Stephen Dreskin submitted comments regarding the Backer Farm SSAMP application.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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

