

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
August 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:36 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Louise Davis
Harvey Ort (arrived at 7:46 p.m.)
Kenneth Wightman

Staff in attendance:

Deena Cybulski
Ray Chang
Katherine Coyle
Jennifer McCulloch

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board approved the minutes of the July 7, 2011 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, L. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act and per the board's normal resolution language, and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:05 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

20,000 Acre Event – September 14th, Ayres-Knuth Farm, Denville. Ms. Cybulski informed the board that Morris County is planning an event to celebrate 20,000 acres of land preserved through the county's Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The ceremony will take place at the Ayres-Knuth Farm in Denville. The Ayres-Knuth Farm was among the first properties to receive Preservation Trust funds. Since the Preservation Trust Fund's inception, 543 projects have been completed in 38 of the county's 39 towns, and more than 20,000 acres of land in the county have been permanently preserved. Ms. Cybulski invited the board members to attend the ceremony.

RIGHT TO FARM

There was no RTF business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Coyle informed the board that the State Board of Agriculture is looking for candidates interested in filling a vacant farmer member position on the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC). The State Board of Agriculture will recommend to the Governor potential candidates to be considered for appointment.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2011-04 (Forte, Chester Twp): Application to Construct Agricultural Labor Housing. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board approved Resolution 2011-04. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, L. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

Resolution 2011-06 Revised Wendover Farm: Preliminary Approval. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board approved Resolution 2011-06. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, L. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

Resolution 2011-07 Revised How Farm: Preliminary Approval. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board approved Resolution 2011-07. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, L. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

At this point member Ashley Myers left the meeting room.

Resolution 2011-05 Angen: Preliminary Approval. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Wightman, the board approved Resolution 2011-05. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: L. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

At this point member Ashley Myers returned to the meeting room.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director