

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
March 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:32 p.m. Members present:

Dale Davis
Louise Davis
Rick Desiderio
Harvey Ort

Staff in attendance:

Deena Cybulski
Ray Chang
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
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 D. Davis, the board approved the minutes of the December 8, 2011 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio, Ort and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, 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 standard resolution language, and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:10 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

No report was provided.

RIGHT TO FARM

Draft AMP for On-Farm Direct Marketing Facilities, Activities, and Events. Ms. Coyle informed the board that the SADC developed a draft AMP for on-farm direct marketing. The SADC distributed the draft as a pre-proposal and is asking for comments, which are due April 15th. The board reviewed and discussed the draft. Member D. Davis commented regarding subsection iv(5), which states that wagon operators shall have a valid New Jersey driver's license. Member D. Davis questioned whether this requirement would apply to migrant workers. N.J.S.A. 39:3-17 allows for driver's license reciprocity for a seasonal migrant farm worker from another country as long as the worker complies with the law of his country with respect to the licensing of drivers. The board directed staff to draft a letter to the SADC summarizing member D. Davis' comments and asking whether the SADC intends to require migrant workers to obtain a New Jersey drivers license. The draft letter would be reviewed at the CADB's April 12th meeting.

Sipos (Frog Hollow Farm). Ms. Coyle informed the board that the SADC issued a final decision in the RTF case involving Frog Hollow Farm. Ms. Coyle provided a summary of the decision and its implications.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Cybulski informed the board regarding the 2012 tax rate for the Morris County Preservation Trust. She further informed the board that the Board of Chosen Freeholder reviewed the unencumbered funds in all preservation programs. With the creation of the Flood Mitigation Program, the Freeholder Board decided to shift \$16 million from Farmland Preservation to Flood Mitigation. Lastly, Ms. Cybulski stated that she would be making a presentation to the budget subcommittee regarding the proposed changes to the farmland preservation program.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-05 Nicholas Martini Foundation, Washington Twp.: Preliminary Approval. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the board approved Resolution 2012-05. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio, Ort and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

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 D. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director