

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**April 9, 2015**

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

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Dale Davis  
Louise Davis  
Rick Desiderio  
Harvey Ort

Members with an excused absence:

Kenneth Wightman

Also in Attendance:

Peter Nitzsche, RCE  
Anthony Sposaro, Esq. (arrived at 7:55 p.m.; departed at 8:17 p.m.)  
Ryan Devin (arrived at 7:55 p.m.; departed at 8:17 p.m.)

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion  
John Napolitano, Esq.  
Katherine Coyle

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**COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW**

Chairman Keller 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 Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Ort, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the July 10, 2014 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, Desiderio, Ort and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: L. Davis

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the March 12, 2015 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Keller 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 L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:53 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No actions were taken.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*CADB Administrators' Meeting.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board members that she had attended a meeting of the CADB administrators. The main topics discussed during the meeting were the SADC's soil disturbance regulations and future funding for farmland preservation.

*Legislative Updates.* Legislative updates were shared with the Board via email prior to the meeting.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

Mr. Sposaro and Mr. Ryan arrived at this point.

*River Run Stables, Washington Township – request for SSAMP.* Ms. Coyle presented to the Board a Staff Report, which discussed the Public Hearing procedures and staff recommendations regarding the SSAMP. The report had been distributed to the Board and Mr. Sposaro prior to the meeting.

Ms. Coyle stated that written notice of the application and the Public Hearing was provided by Mr. Sposaro in compliance with N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.8(c). Mr. Bush had reviewed the public notice and deemed it complete.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Staff Report. Mr. Napolitano swore in Mr. Ryan. No additional testimony was provided by Mr. Sposaro or Mr. Ryan.

No public comments were submitted to the CADB prior to or during the Public Hearing.

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board approved Mr. Ryan's application for a SSAMP. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board members approved Resolution 2015-10 memorializing the Board's decision regarding the River Run Stables application. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

### **OLD BUSINESS #1**

Mr. Sposaro addressed the Board regarding the County's appraisals of the Cantor South farm. He asked whether the landowner would be permitted to submit comments. Ms. Coyle stated that the landowner may submit documentation and that the documentation would be forwarded to the County's appraisers for their review and consideration.

Mr. Sposaro and Mr. Ryan departed at this point.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

### **OLD BUSINESS #2**

*Modification of Agricultural Development Area to include Block 501, Lot 23 in the Borough of Mendham and Block 10, Lots 18 and 18.02 in the Township of Harding.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board she had requested the SADC's certification of the ADA modification approved by the Board last month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2015-09: Final Approval: Aresty Farm, Chester & Mendham Twps. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved Resolution 2015-09. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Member Ashley Myers expressed concern about the proposed Chester Township ordinance regulating pick-your-own operations. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that Mayor Cogger had stated that once a draft ordinance is available, it will be forwarded to the CADB and the SADC for review.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Coyle". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Katherine Coyle  
Director