

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**May 14, 2015**

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

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Dale Davis  
Louise Davis  
Harvey Ort  
Kenneth Wightman

Members with an excused absence:

Rick Desiderio

Staff in attendance:

W. Randall Bush, Esq.  
Scott Rodgers, Esq. (departed at 7:57 p.m.)  
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 L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the April 9, 2015 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Wightman

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

At this point, Mr. Bush left the meeting room.

**CLOSED SESSION #1**

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 Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Ort, Wightman 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 #1**

*L. Simone, Gooserock Farm – Request for a SSAMP.* During Closed Session the Board reviewed the renewed SSAMP application submitted by Ms. Landi Simone/Gooserock Farm in the context of a potential settlement of ongoing litigation between the Morris CADB and Ms. Simone.

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Wightman, the Board directed staff and Mr. Rodgers to draft a resolution memorializing the terms of the settlement, conditional on the agreement with the terms by Ms. Simone's counsel. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller  
Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, Mr. Bush returned to the meeting room and Mr. Rodgers departed.

## **CLOSED SESSION #2**

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 Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller  
Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:13 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION #2**

*Paschal Farm, Mine Hill Township.* On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the Board directed staff to correspond with the SADC per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*SADC April 24, 2015 Meeting.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board members that she had attended the SADC's April meeting. Ms. Coyle provided a summary of the topics discussed during the meeting.

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

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There were no Right to Farm matters to review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Coyle informed the Board that during the SADC's April meeting, representatives from the State Board of Agriculture addressed the SADC regarding the proposed (now withdrawn) soil disturbance regulations. The representatives discussed the topics addressed during the April 1, 2015 State Board of Agriculture subcommittee meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Deborah Post regarding Chester Township's intent to draft an ordinance regulating direct marketing operations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to review.

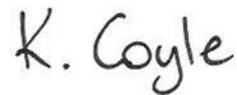
## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle  
Director