

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
June 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:30 p.m. Members present:

Dale Davis
Louise Davis
Harvey Ort (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)
Kenneth Wightman

Members with an excused absence:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Rick Desiderio

Staff in attendance:

Deena Leary
Christine Marion
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Scott Rodgers, Esq. (departed at 7:39 p.m.)
Katherine Coyle

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 Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board members approved the May 14, 2015 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, Wightman, and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

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: D. Davis, L. Davis, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:37 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION #1 / RIGHT TO FARM

Resolution 2015-11: L. Simone, Gooserock Farm – Request for a SSAMP. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board adopted Resolution 2015-11. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:47 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION #2

Tinc Farm, Mount Olive Township. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board agreed to make an offer to the landowner per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Monitoring. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of the Central and N-E Region farms was underway and would be completed by June 30th.

2015 PIG Application. Ms. Coyle informed the Board members that the SADC had approved the Morris PIG Application at their May 28th meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

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 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director