

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
September 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Wightman at 7:33 p.m. Members present:
Louise Davis
Rick Desiderio
Harvey Ort

Members with an excused absence:
Aimee Ashley Myers
Dale Davis
Gregory Keller

Staff in attendance:
Deena Leary
Christine Marion
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Vice-Chairman Wightman 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 L. Davis, the Board members approved the July 9, 2015 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Desiderio, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: L. Davis

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, Vice-Chairman Wightman 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 Ort, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: L. Davis, Desiderio, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:20 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

At this point, member Ort left the meeting room.

Tuhy/O'Hara Farm – Denville Township. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Wightman, the Board directed staff to inform the landowners regarding the Board's discussion and decision during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: L. Davis, Desiderio, and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, member Ort returned to the meeting room.

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Verbeke Farm – Chester Township. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board directed staff to inform the landowners that the CADB will begin the process of adding the farm to the Agricultural Development Area (ADA).

Aye: L. Davis, Ort, and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, member Desiderio returned to the meeting room.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

SADC offer to attend CADB meeting. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that SADC staff offered to attend a CADB meeting to discuss the soil disturbance rules. The CADB agreed to host the SADC.

Annual Planning Incentive Grant Application. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she had begun the process of preparing the annual PIG application. A notification letter was sent to each municipality that has farms that are targeted for preservation.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Forte Farm, Chester Twp. – application for agricultural labor housing – TABLED. The matter was tabled based on the applicant's request.

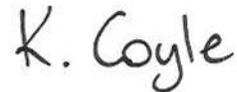
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Coyle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Katherine Coyle
Director