

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

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

Dale Davis
Louise Davis
Rick Desiderio (arrived at 7:36 p.m.)
Harvey Ort

Members with an excused absence:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Ken Wightman

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
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 Ort, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board members approved the October 8, 2015 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, Ort and Keller

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, 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 Ort, 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 and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:22 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken as a result of Closed Session.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Annual Planning Incentive Grant Application. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she had submitted the annual PIG application to the SADC.

Monitoring – Western Region. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of Western Region farms was underway.

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

RIGHT TO FARM

Chester Township adopted ordinance: “Traffic Management Plan for On-Farm Activities”. The Board discussed Chester Township’s ordinance regarding traffic management plans for on-farm activities.

At this point, members Ort and D. Davis left the meeting room.

Lotta Lettuce, Montville Twp. – request for SSAMP. The Board reviewed the Lotta Lettuce Farm, LLC application for a SSAMP for construction of a pole barn. Ms. Coyle presented to the Board a Staff Report, which outlined the procedures for development of SSAMPs, Right to Farm eligibility criteria, documentation provided by the applicant and staff recommendation. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Desiderio, the Board determined that the Lotta Lettuce Farm, LLC operation is a “commercial farm” as defined by the Right to Farm Act and the activities in question are protected by the Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: L. Davis, Desiderio and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None Recused: D. Davis and Ort

At this point, members Ort and D. Davis returned to the meeting room

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business 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 L. Davis, seconded by member Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 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