

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
February 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:37 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Dale Davis
Louise Davis

Also in attendance:

William Roehrich, Washington Township Liaison

Staff in attendance:

Frank Pinto (arrived at 8:35 p.m.)
Ray Chang
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle
Jennifer McCulloch

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Election of Officers

Chairman Keller turned the meeting over to Ms. Coyle for the purpose of electing new officers. Ms. Coyle served as temporary Chairman and took nominations for the position of Chairman.

Chairman

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member L. Davis, Mr. Gregory Keller was nominated for Chairman. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Mr. Keller was re-elected Chairman.

Chairman Keller chaired the meeting from this point forward.

Vice-Chairman

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member D. Davis, Mr. Kenneth Wightman was nominated for Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Mr. Wightman was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Secretary

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, Ms. Aimee Ashley Myers was nominated for Secretary. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Ms. Ashley Myers was re-elected Secretary.

Meeting Dates Resolution

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the board members unanimously approved Resolution 2011-01, which establishes the time, date, place and agenda for the meetings of 2011 and January 2012. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

REVIEW OF MORRIS CADB'S MISSION STATEMENT

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member D. Davis, the matter was tabled until the next meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board approved the minutes of the October 14, 2010 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

The minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting were not available.

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act and per the board's normal resolution language and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:34 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2011-02: Preliminary Approval - Rosenhaus, Morris Township. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the board approved Resolution 2011-02. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP). Ms. Coyle stated that agricultural producers and land owners in Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset Counties may be eligible for federal funding through the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) for conservation practices to improve water quality. Fundable practices include livestock access control fencing, composting, cover crops, nutrient management, prescribed grazing, pest management, gutters, stream crossings, waste storage facilities, and livestock watering facilities. Applicants must have an interest in an agricultural operation predominately located within the three designated sub-watersheds of the Raritan River Basin. Applicants are encouraged to apply by March 18, 2011, for a share of New Jersey's 2011 AWEP allocation of \$159,048.

Landowner Outreach Seminar – March 10, 2011 @ 6 p.m. Ms. Coyle and Ms. McCulloch informed the board that the Landowner Outreach Seminar has been scheduled for March 10, 2011 at 6 p.m.

RIGHT TO FARM

There was no RTF business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Forte – application to construct agricultural labor housing. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

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 Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director