

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
December 14, 2017

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

Aimee Ashley Myers
Rick Desiderio (arrived at 7:40 a.m.; departed at 8:05 p.m.)
Kathy Hammond
Gregory Keller
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Also in Attendance:

Bill Johnson, Esq.

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Davis 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 Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the Board members approved the October 12, 2017 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Keller

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Hammond, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:42 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board authorized Bill Johnson, Esq. to correspond regarding the Tranquility litigation matter per Closed Session discussion. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

Member Desiderio did not participate or vote.

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board directed staff to send a Notice of Violation to Mr. Picozzi per Closed Session discussion. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Legislative Updates. There were no legislative updates this month. The Board agreed to discuss the proposed beekeeping regulations during the January meeting.

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

Monitoring – Western Region. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of farms in the Western Region was nearing completion.

RIGHT TO FARM

There were no RTF matters to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Rowe Farm – renewal of Eight-Year Program. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that the Notice renewing the program needed to be amended to include additional language required by the SADC. The Board reviewed the Notice and Chairman Davis signed it.

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 Ashley Myers, seconded by member Keller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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