

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
April 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:34 p.m. Members present:

Rick Desiderio (arrived at 7:37 p.m.)
Kathy Hammond
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Gregory Keller

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 Ort, seconded by member Hammond, the Board members approved the February 28, 2017 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Hammond, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

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

Aye: Hammond, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:30 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Bostrom Farm, Randolph Township. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ort, the Board directed staff to notify the landowner regarding the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Desiderio, Hammond, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, member Thomson left the meeting room.

Parish Farm, Mendham Township. On motion of member Ort, seconded by member Ashley Myers, 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: Desiderio, Hammond, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None Recused: Thomson

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

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

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

Monitoring: North-East and Central Regions. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of North-East and Central Regions will take place in May and June.

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

Resolution 2017-02: Final Approval: Pultz Farm, Washington Twp. On motion of member Ort, seconded by member Hammond, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-02. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Desiderio, Hammond, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

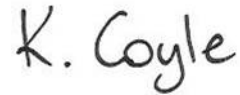
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Ort, seconded by member Hammond, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director