

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**October 12, 2017**

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

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Rick Desiderio  
Kathy Hammond  
Harvey Ort  
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Gregory Keller

Also in Attendance:

Peter Nietzsche, RCE

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion  
Katherine Coyle

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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 September 14, 2017 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Desiderio

**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, Ort, Thomson and Davis  
Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:47 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No actions were taken as a result of Closed Session.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

*Legislative Updates.* There were no legislative updates this month.

*\$500,000 in Grants Available for Soil and Water Conservation Projects.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board regarding SADC funding available for Soil and Water Conservation Projects. SADC Policy P-48 sets the costs share rate for the program and prioritizes applications.

*Monitoring – Western Region.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of farms in the Western Region had begun.

*Open Space Liaison.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that member Keller's term would be expiring at the end of the year and that the Board needed to appoint a new liaison. The Board discussed the appointment. Member Thomson volunteered to serve.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There were no RTF matters to discuss.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution 2017-10: Olsen Farm, Chester Twp.* On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-10. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, 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 Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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