

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**July 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:32 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Rick Desiderio  
Thomas Galfo  
Harvey Ort  
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Gregory Keller

Also in attendance:

Stephen Shaw, Morris County Freeholder

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion  
Staci Santucci, Esq.  
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 Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Daily Record, the Star Ledger and posted on the Morris County website.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the June 13, 2019 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Galfo

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the June 13, 2019 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Galfo

## **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 Ort, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Galfo, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:12 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No actions were taken as a result of Closed Session.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

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

*Monitoring – Central and North-East Regions.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of the Central Region was completed and monitoring of the North-East Region was in progress.

*Extension of dual-appraisal provision.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that the dual-appraisal provision for properties located in the Highlands Region was extended for another five years, until June 30, 2024.

*Highlands Bank June 28, 2019 meeting.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she attended the June 28<sup>th</sup> Highlands Development Credit Bank Board meeting. The focus of the meeting was the use of Municipal Averages in connection with farmland preservation applications. The Board directed its staff to review the methodology and available data. It is anticipated that the Board will continue its discussion at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

There were no Right to Farm matters to discuss.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution 2019-07: Perkoski Farm, Mt. Olive Township: Preliminary Approval.* On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved Resolution 2019-07. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Galfo, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

*Resolution 2019-08: Oblen Farm, Mt. Olive Township: Preliminary Approval.* On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved Resolution 2019-08. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Galfo, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

*Resolution 2019-09: Dietz Farm, Chester Township: Preliminary Approval.* On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved Resolution 2019-09. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Galfo, 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 Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle  
Director