

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**September 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:33 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Rick Desiderio (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)  
Thomas Galfo  
Gregory Keller  
Harvey Ort  
Jay Thomson

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 Galfo, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the July 11, 2019 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None     Abstain: Keller

On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board members approved the July 11, 2019 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:05 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

On motion of member Galfo, seconded by member Keller, the Board directed staff to send a letter to the owners of the Knothe farm per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: Ort

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

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

*Annual PIG Application.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she had begun the process of preparing the annual SADC PIG application. Notices were sent to each municipality with farms on the targeted list asking for comments. The PIG application is due mid-December.

*Monitoring – Western Region.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of the Western Region was in progress.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

At this point, members Ashley Myers, Davis and Ort left the meeting room.

*Alstede Farms, Chester Township (Complaint).* Staff and the Board reviewed correspondence sent by Ms. Rubright, Mr. Sposaro and the County's response to Ms. Rubright. In light of Mr. Asdal's complaint alleging Deed of Easement violations on the farm, the RTF complaint is tabled until the DOE complaint has been addressed by the SADC and the CADB.

*Alstede Farms, Chester Township (Request for SSAMP).* Staff and the Board reviewed correspondence sent by Ms. Rubright, Mr. Sposaro and the County's response to Ms. Rubright.

In light of Mr. Asdal's complaint alleging Deed of Easement violations on the farm, the SSAMP application is tabled until the DOE complaint has been addressed by the SADC and the CADB..

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Alstede Farms, Chester Township (DOE complaint).* Ms. Coyle informed that Board that the SADC will address the complaint at an upcoming meeting, however, the date has not yet been set.

At this point, members Ashley Myers, Davis and Ort returned to the meeting room.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

### **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 Keller, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle  
Director