

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**June 13, 2024**  
(Held remotely via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:31 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Harvey Ort  
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Frank Carrajat  
Conor Evans  
Thomas Galfo

Also in attendance:

Jennifer McCulloch, MCSCD

Staff in attendance:

Joseph Barilla  
Staci Santucci, Esq.  
Katherine Coyle

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**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 Morris County Board of County Commissioners, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger and posted on the Morris County website.

Ms. Coyle announced that the meeting was being held remotely via WebEx and was being recorded. Ms. Coyle provided instructions for the public to provide comments during the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the May 2, 2024 Open Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None     Abstain: Ashley Myers

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the May 2, 2024 Closed Session meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Jennifer McCulloch introduced herself to the Board. Ms. McCulloch is the new director of the Morris County Soil Conservation District.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Coyle stated that correspondence from Mr. Banos was shared with the Board.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

*Resolution 2024-04: Evergreen Realty, LLC, Washington Township: request for SSAMP.*

On motion of member Ort, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved Resolution 2024-04. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

Ms. Coyle informed the Board that monitoring of the Central and North-East regions would be completed by the end of June and reports would be sent to the SADC by mid-July.

Ms. Coyle also informed the Board that she had sent information to owners of farms in the Highlands Region regarding the expiration of the dual-appraisal provision. As part of the outreach, the mailing also included information about the program and the application process.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

S2422/A5137. The Board discussed the “heat stress bill”. On motion of Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board directed staff to send a letter to the bill sponsors in opposition to the bill. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:58 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No actions were taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle  
Director