

# THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

## MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD



### Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 7:30 PM**

Planning Board Conference Room, Hall of Records Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
One East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey

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Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Bullock, Buscaglia, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, Halka, McCarthy, Obal, Potter  
Staff: Honigfeld, May  
Representatives: Costigan (Howell), Gruzlovic (SADC), Holland (Manalapan)  
Public: Sreenivasa Gade, Wanda Holland, Shrinath Kotdawala, Bill Sciarappa

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mr. Clayton offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the June 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock and approved by voice vote.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

Mr. McCarthy noted that the SADC approved Monmouth's 2012 County PIG application. We have the largest spending total of the participating counties plus the highest price of land.

#### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: Hope Gruzlovic mentioned that the new energy facility law requires SADC approval for solar panels and wind turbines on preserved farms. She shared that the latest SADC newsletter has information about solar panels on rooftops and the solar AMP. The wind bill sponsor is open to considering amendments. The SADC is concerned that the proposed agritourism bill is too broad. Also, the GSPT appropriation bills passed before the state legislature recessed for the summer.
- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld noted that she has the assistance of a Summer Intern who is helping monitor easements.
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Mr. Obal reported that Bill Sciarappa has taken over as Department Head.
- E. Municipal Representatives: No reports.



**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Final Approval Request Municipal PIG Program (Block 59, Lot 4 Manalapan):** Ms. Honigfeld described the Sigismondi Dey Grove Road project and answered questions. Mr. Clayton made a motion to grant final approval to the project. Mr. Bullock seconded the motion which was approved by roll call vote.

**Solar Energy Facility Request (Gade Farm, Roosevelt):** Ms. Honigfeld gave some guidance about the MCADB's role in reviewing this request, the first of its kind to be evaluated by the county. She also shared some photographs of the proposed site. The panels are to be placed on a new barn that is being built on the former tennis court pad. The Engineer for the solar project, Shrinath Kotdawala of Concept Engineering, described the proposal and the application to the SADC. The landowner, Mr. Gade, also provided relevant information. Members had many questions about solar arrays in general and this project specifically. Some members expressed concern that the barn isn't as high as they would advise. Part of the issue was that the rendering showed crossbars at the highest entry points. The owner assured the Board that there won't actually be crossbars at those points. Ultimately, the consensus was that the MCADB doesn't normally weigh in on barn dimensions and a farm of this size needs some storage opportunities. Mr. McCarthy concluded that Ms. Honigfeld should inform the SADC that the MCADB has no objections to the proposal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Potter made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Halka seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.