

# 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, April 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 7:38 PM.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Bullock, Buscaglia, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, Halka, McCarthy, Obal, Potter, Stuart  
Staff: Honigfeld, May  
Representatives: Costigan (Howell), Dancer (Millstone), Gruzlovic (SADC), Jacoby (Colts Neck)  
Public: Tim Anfuso, Steve Becker, Steven L. Becker, John O. Bennett, Wayne Pomanowksi, Jeffrey Resnikoff, Robert Witek

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mr. Giambrone offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the March 2011 meeting with a spelling correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Geran and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Geran made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the March 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock and approved by voice vote.

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

Mr. McCarthy commented on the work of Impact Oasis as outlined in their March 21, 2011 letter to the MCADB.

#### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: Hope Gruzlovic of the SADC introduced herself. She will be covering our MCADB meetings for the SADC. She noted the scheduling of a press event in Salem County to mark the preservation of the 2000<sup>th</sup> farm in the state. She also noted that the SADC restarted its newsletter.



- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld explained that after speaking with Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Butch, she concluded that distributing a letter regarding the Princeton Nurseries deal was ill-timed. The execution of the contract was imminent and, in fact, the Board was invited to attend a press event celebrating the deal on April 18, 2011 at 10 AM in Upper Freehold. Ms. Honigfeld took the opportunity to prepare some talking points for the press packet and Freeholder Burry regarding the importance of the project to the Farmland Preservation Program.
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Mr. Obal summarized his report in three words: cold, wet and stinkbugs.
- E. Municipal Representatives: No reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Final Approval Resolution (Block 89, Lots 8 and 8.02 Freehold) – County PIG:**  
The Board discussed the maps and draft resolution for the acquisition of an easement on the Olbis farm in Freehold Township. Members had questions related to the proposed sewer easement. What is the sewer easement language going to entail? Was the easement reflected in the certified value? Will the farmer be able to farm over the easement? Also, Mr. Geran expressed concern about the reparation of any tiles broken during the installation process. There were also questions about the placement of the nonseverable exception. The Board asked to postpone its vote until Ms. Honigfeld could obtain more information from the Township.

**CONTINUATION OF SSAMP REQUEST FOR BECKER TREE SERVICE/WAYNE POMANOWSKI:**

Mr. Halka, Mr. Potter and Mr. Stuart recused themselves at 8:05 PM.

Mr. McCarthy reminded the Board of the task before them and provided direction on how to proceed.

Mr. Buscaglia made a motion to reject the SSAMP application because of lack of sufficient evidence that the operation met the income threshold to qualify as a commercial farm under the Right to Farm Act. Mr. Bullock seconded the motion which was approved by roll call vote.

Ms. Honigfeld then distributed a draft resolution that she and Mr. May had prepared. Members and staff suggested some edits to the draft. Mr. Buscaglia then made a motion to memorialize the resolution. Ms. Butch seconded and the resolution was memorialized by roll call vote.

Mr. Potter and Mr. Stuart returned to the table at 8:25 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Costigan thanked Ms. Honigfeld for her work on Howell's Farmland Preservation Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Potter made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Geran seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.