

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, May 4, 2011, 7:30 PM

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

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

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bullock, Buscaglia, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Halka, McCarthy, Potter, Stuart
Staff: Honigfeld, May
Representatives: Chenal (Marlboro), Costigan (Howell), Gruzlovic (SADC), Holmes (Upper Freehold), Jacoby (Colts Neck)
Public: Robert Faber

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Ms. Butch announced that Millstone received a positive response regarding its request to amend blue laws related to operation of farm vehicles and implements of a certain size.

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: Hope Gruzlovic noted that there are now 2000 preserved farms in New Jersey. She also discussed the April 18th press event marking the signing of the contract to preserve the extensive Flemer/Princeton Nurseries holdings in Upper Freehold and surrounding communities. She also reported that the Garden State Preservation Trust approved the appropriation request earlier in the day for the FY 2011 funds and are trying to get the bills through the legislature before June 30th. Monmouth Conservation Foundation was awarded over \$400K in Nonprofit funds to work to preserve the Conover farm in Wall Township. In addition, the SADC adopted a stormwater management policy related to preserved farms and exception areas.



Mr. Geran asked Ms. Gruzlovic for more information on a new law related to fertilizers. She will follow up with the Department of Agriculture.

- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld presented some maps related to the Princeton Nurseries deal and showed how the project fits into the county's Upper Freehold-Western Millstone Project Area. Later in the evening, she discussed an ongoing effort by the SADC to research on-farm direct to consumer marketing operations to help prepare a related AMP. She recently arranged a tour of various farm markets and farm stands with David Kimmel of the SADC.
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: No report
- E. Municipal Representatives:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Final Approval Resolution (Block 89, Lots 8 and 8.02 Freehold) – County PIG:** Ms. Honigfeld provided the Board with information requested at the last meeting pertaining to the proposed utility easement on the Olbis farm. The township attorney shared a draft of the easement with the MCADB staff and worked to add language ensuring that farming would be allowed over the easement area. County Counsel and staff noted one more change that they would be requesting regarding notification of the farmer if access to the easement were needed. Mr. May advised that the contract with the landowner reflect that the utility easement need to be recorded prior to closing on the ag easement. There will be 4 or 5 total manholes. Ms. Honigfeld also pointed out passages in the appraisals indicating that the utility easement was taken into account during valuation. Mr. Stuart made a motion to grant final approval to the easement acquisition. Mr. Buscaglia seconded the motion which was approved by roll call vote. Mr. Clayton abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Faber, the Deputy Mayor of Upper Freehold, introduced himself and thanked the Board for its work on the Olbis and Princeton Nurseries projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Stuart made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Potter seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.