

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 5, 2010, 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 7:33 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bullock, Buscaglia, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, Halka, McCarthy, Obal, Potter, Stuart
Staff: Brockwell, Honigfeld, May
Representatives: Costigan & Kryskowiak (Howell), Jacoby (Colts Neck), Rajan & Chenal (Marlboro), Holland (Manalapan)
Public: Wanda Holland

MINUTES:

Mr. Potter offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the March 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Geran and approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Staff requested comments on the 2/24/10 memo from Secretary Douglas Fischer regarding BPU Rules on Vegetation Height beneath Transmission Lines.

The Board briefly discussed the 4/5/10 green light review rejection letter regarding HMF Associates Farm in Holmdel. Staff confirmed the application status but deferred further discussion regarding the application to closed session.

Staff shared the 3/25/10 letter from the MCADB and Board of Chosen Freeholders to Susan Craft regarding the environmental concerns at Block 155, Lot 13.03 in Marlboro.

A draft letter regarding Senate Bill S1128 and the Colts Neck Farmland Preservation Bulletin were also provided for MCADB review and comment.

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report
- C. Staff: Staff has begun the annual monitoring for the preserved farms in the county.



- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: The Experiment Station budget is being cut by 15%. This decreases financial support for research, outreach, education programs & support for the EcoComplex.
- E. Municipal Representatives:
Howell: Working on 1 project through Municipal PIG funding and looking to appraise more farms soon.
Colts Neck: Working on 2 farms for potential preservation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **8-year Agreement Termination (Block 70, Lot 1.02, Manalapan):** The property has been permanently preserved so there is no reason to renew the 8-year agreement. Mr. Buscaglia made motion to terminate the agreement. Mr. Giambrone seconded the motion that was approved by roll call vote.
- **SADC Deed of Easement Subcommittee Reports:** Comments on the reports were requested.
- **Pre-proposal on Auctioning of Preserved Farmland:** Comments were requested. There were questions regarding the resale of farmland. There was discussion regarding the impact of a minimum bid requirement with auction participation.
- **Senate Bill S1706:** Staff requested comments.
- **Senate Bill S267:** Staff requested comments. Concerns were expressed regarding the potential for the proposed bill to serve as a disincentive to farm the preserved land.

RIGHT TO FARM ISSUES:

- **Status Reports:** No hearings currently scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Howell: Mr. Costigan requested that the public be provided with copies of the Senate Bills, which would enable him to bring the information back to the municipalities for comment.

Manalapan: Mr. Holland questioned the Right-to-Farm jurisdiction with flooding issues associated with a local farm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Potter made motion to close open session. Mr. Geran seconded the motion and open session closed at 8:25.

The MCADB entered into Executive Session at 8:26 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.