

# 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, October 5, 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 7:35 PM.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Bullock, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, Halka, McCarthy, Sciarappa, Potter  
Staff: Brockwell, Honigfeld, May  
Representatives: Rajan (Marlboro), Costigan (Howell)  
Public: None

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

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

Mr. Potter offered a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the August 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halka and approved by voice vote.

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

No discussion

#### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: Ms. Gruzlovic reported on the new electronic monitoring form that has been created by SADC and will allow all data to be entered directly into a digital form & database. The SADC is currently developing an AMP for wind energy on farms seeking RTF protection. The Board of Agriculture is currently conducting interviews for the available SADC seat. The Marlboro Farmland Preservation Plan has been adopted. The SADC did not vote on the Diamond Developers application. The Committee would like the NJ State Ethics Commission to weigh in on the matter.
- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld reported that a medical marijuana inquiry has been received to potentially operate on a preserved farm. SADC guidance on this inquiry is currently being sought.



- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Mr. Sciarappa noted that Rutgers was approached by the Governor regarding medical marijuana, but the idea was vetoed by the Dean.
- E. Municipal Representatives:
  - Marlboro: Ms. Rajan noted that the town is very happy to have an approved plan & thanked Ms. Honigfeld for all her hard work in completing the plan.
  - Howell: Mr. Costigan also thanked Ms. Honigfeld for her work with the Howell plan. He went on to explain that Howell has available funds for preservation and is working towards the preservation of the Hillpot farm. He asked if the MCADB is taking a stance on wind turbines.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution Recognizing Rich Obal’s Contribution to the MCADB:** Mr. Potter made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Geran seconded the motion that was approved by roll call vote.

**Monmouth County Comprehensive Farmland Plan Target Farm List Update:** Staff reported on the progress of the annual plan update that contained mainly minor changes to the target farms list. Staff requested Board review of the updates and solicited comments. The inclusion of an Open Space Addendum was also pointed out.

**Right to Farm:**

**Updates:** Staff updated the Board on the status of Becker/Pomanowski SSAMP that is being appealed. Counsel provided additional information about the appeal. Staff also reported on two SSAMP requests that were received and could come before the Board in the next few months.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Geran made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Halka seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.