

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, September 5, 2012, 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 7:40 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bullock, Buscaglia, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, McCarthy, Potter, Sciarappa
Staff: Beekman, Brockwell, Honigfeld
Representatives:
Public: Hope Gruzlovic, William Kastning

MINUTES:

Mr. Geran offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the August 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayton and approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Staff shared correspondence from SADC that a new farmland preservation funding round is being prepared for appropriation. SADC also directed the CADBs to the recent Superior Court decision regarding a preserved farm in Hunterdon County. Staff also shared correspondence regarding three right-to-farm matters in Howell, Marlboro & Upper Freehold.

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: No report.
- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld updated the board on the status of the annual County PIG plan update that is currently in progress.
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Mr. Sciarappa reported on the recent tour of the Cream Ridge research facility and provided an update on the 2013 budget. He also announced the upcoming Open Space Pace, which will be an event held at Freehold Raceway on 9/29/12 to support the standard bred racing industry.
- E. Municipal Representatives: No reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flemer Entities Closing Statistics: The former Princeton Nurseries properties (a.k.a. Flemer Entities) closed on 8/16/12. The closings added approximately 626 acres of preserved farmland to Monmouth County. Ms. Honigfeld shared statistics with the board regarding the acquisition.



NEW BUSINESS:

Termination of 8-yr Agreement (Block 47 Lot 16, Upper Freehold):

Ms. Honigfeld explained that the Fusco's would like to re-enroll for another term of the program, however, changes to the vesting deed and building approvals require a termination and update of the paperwork.

Mr. Bullock made a motion to terminate the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Geran and approved by roll call vote.

Review of 8-yr Petition:

Ms. Honigfeld presented the updated application that reflects changes since the previous program enrollment. Board members noted the changes and Mr. DeFelice moved a motion to re-enroll the property for another 8-yr term. Motion was seconded by Mr. Potter and approved by roll call vote.

Termination of 8-yr Agreement (Block 54 Lot 2.11, Millstone):

Ms. Honigfeld explained that the Infante property is not re-enrolling for another term since the farm is now permanently preserved. Mr. Giambrore made a motion to terminate the agreement that has expired after an 8-yr term. Mr. Bullock seconded the motion that was approved by roll call vote.

RIGHT TO FARM ISSUES:

Status Updates: Mrs. Brockwell provided an overview of recent inquiries and the status of the LaRue SSAMP applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Kastning, Director of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, introduced himself to the board and provided an overview of the Foundation's most recent activities and accomplishments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. Mr. Giambrore seconded the motion that was approved by voice vote.