

**Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board**  
**Division of Planning**



Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the  
MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
May 5, 2026, 7:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting at One East Main Street, Freehold, NJ or Audio and Video Conference via WebEx

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Mr. Bullock read the “Open Public Meetings Act” Compliance Statement.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Bullock, Clayton, DeFelice, Errickson, Giambrone, Holmes, Incatasciato, Licitra, Mosley, Pettyjohn, Van Mater  
Staff: Barris, Beekman, Bezahler, Honigfeld, Kiley, Schmetterer (virtual)  
Representatives: Pat Butch, Sean Pizzio (virtual), Chris Helmlinger  
Public: Carol Van Mater

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Mr. Pettyjohn motioned to adopt the April 2026 Regular Session minutes. Mr. DeFelice seconded the motion which passed by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

Ms. Kiley did not comment on the correspondence included in the board packet.

**REGULAR REPORTS**

- A. *Chairman:* Mr. Bullock reported that he and Ms. Kiley had a meeting with the SADC legal team to get some general guidance on county agriculture development board by-laws, particularly those formed prior to 1983. Mr. Bullock reported that a subcommittee was formed and will be reporting back to the MCADB recommending some revisions and updates to the existing by-laws. Mr. Bullock also mentioned that the subcommittee will be working on a policy to replace the previously rescinded RTF Policy 6.
- B. *State:* Mr. Pizzio had no report given the timing of the April SADC.
- C. *Staff:* Ms. Kiley mentioned the possibility of adding the Board of Health and the Soil Conservation District to the MCADB monthly agenda’s regular reports. There were also a few administrative items that required clarification.
- D. *Municipal Representatives:* Ms. Butch reported that Millstone Agricultural Advisory Council is working with the municipality on the agriculture section of the township’s master plan. Ms. Butch mentioned a New Jersey Farm Bureau program in which signs regarding farm vehicle

safety can be purchased; Millstone purchased three. The Council received a preservation application and will be putting it before the township committee.

- E. *County Board of Agriculture*: Mr. DeFelice mentioned the Board of Agriculture scholarships which included a rule change to the application this year. The due date is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DeFelice mentioned the farm vehicle safety signs from the New Jersey Farm Bureau. The Board received two and purchased five which will be displayed throughout the county. The Board also approved financial support given to FFA for blue jackets. Mr. DeFelice also mentioned that many New Jersey fruit growers had losses due to the drop in temperature in April.
- F. *Rutgers Cooperative Extension*: Dr. Errickson reported similar news to Mr. DeFelice on the losses from the temperature drop/frost as well as other winter damage from last winter. Dr. Errickson will be presenting at the NJ Association of Counties Conference. The IPM webinar series will be starting and occurs twice a month. Master Gardner's spring sale is May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Errickson also shared that he has received his tenure and was appointed as a County Agent II, at the associate professor level.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Van Mater moved to memorialize Resolution 2026-4-1 and Mr. DeFelice seconded the motion, which was approved by a roll call vote.

Mr. Pettyjohn motioned to reconfirm the subcommittee members of Mr. Bullock, Mr. DeFelice, Mr. Van Mater, and Mr. Pettyjohn with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Mosley, and Ms. Incatasciato as alternates which was approved by voice vote.

Mr. DeFelice motioned to approve the calendar, as amended, and Mr. Giambrone seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RIGHT-TO-FARM AND STEWARDSHIP ISSUES**

##### **Status Reports**

Mr. Beekman reported that both the Carm's Farm and Maple Leaf conflict resolution cases have received extensions. Mr. Beekman reported that he is awaiting a plan from the attorney for Samrock Stables. Ms. Kiley reported that Rosenfeld Ranch had passed the response deadline of April 27<sup>th</sup> and staff had not received any information as of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Winding Brook Farm LLC is currently being appealed; Mr. Beekman reported on an initial conference call that took place.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:30 PM.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Mr. Bullock seconded by Mr. Pettyjohn, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM, which was approved by voice vote.