

Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board Meeting

April 11, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

314 Route 12 County Complex
Building #1 | Assembly Room
Flemington, New Jersey

Members in Attendance:

Dave Bond
Robert Hoffman Jr.
Susan Blew
David C. Kyle
Liz Schmid
John Van Nuys
Gerry Lyness
Ted Harwick
John Perehynys
Marc Phillips
Kevin Milz
Megan Muehlbauer

CADB Staff Present:

Shana Taylor, Esq. County Counsel
Aaron Culton, Esq. County Counsel
Bob Hornby, CADB Administrator
Adam Bradford, CADB Staff

Open Public Meeting Act:

Chairman Bond opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act:

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate notice has been provided by prominently posting and maintaining so posted throughout the year on the first floor of the County Administration Building, Main St., Flemington, New Jersey a public place reserved for such announcements, and by mailing on or before January 11, 2019, to The Hunterdon Democrat, Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Courier News and The Express Times newspapers, and TAPInto newspaper and designated by the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board to receive such notices, and by filing with the Hunterdon County Clerk a schedule of the times and dates of such meetings."

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Absent; Roger "Forest" Locandro

Approval of Minutes

- Liz Schmid made a MOTION to approve the March 14th minutes with minor spelling correction. Robert Hoffman SECONDED. MOTION Passed, All in Favor

Communications and Administrative Business:

- **CADB Staff update**
 - **Janssen/Peacefield** (Alexandria) Adam stated all the hard copies of the surveys are in. They have been approved. Moving toward Closing
 - **Alice Miller** (Alexandria) – Bob stated that the surveys have come back to SADC and are under review there.
 - **Dalrymple** (Kingwood) – Bob stated they closed on this farm on 3/26/19, 47.74 acres at \$7,600/acre.

- Bob asked Kevin Milz if he had any violations to talk about. He stated he did not.

Correspondence:

- None at this time

SADC Comments:

- **SADC** – Stephanie Miller from SADC could not make it tonight. There is nothing new out of SADC

Chair Comments:

- None at this time

Old Business:

- **Farmland Preservation Plan Update** – Dave Kyle and Liz Schmid have volunteered to help Bob work on it, but with farmland applications he hasn't been able to work on it much.

New Business:

- **McConaughy Farm Division** – Postponed, not sure if they will be on next month's agenda.
- **2019 Planting Round** – 6 applications came in. Two in Franklin Township, one in East Amwell and the Bowlby Farms as three separate applications in Raritan Township. Doing a site visit on May 1st and members of the board will report back. In reference to the size of two farms, Stryker and Kanach, Bob answered they are adjoining other preserved farms. Kanach is almost completely surrounded by preserved land and Stryker already has 2 sides preserved.

Right to Farm Matters:

- None at this time

Board Comments:

- Board member Dave Kyle asked about farms without exception areas getting a window where they can get exempted areas. Someone received a letter, he already had an exemption area but the person he was talking to did not, and he did not get a letter. Kevin Milz stated he must be referring to a Farmland Preservation Applications Special Permit for Rural Micro Enterprises. If you wanted to start a business, you could apply for this. The special permit is good for 10 years. Bob said the program is being run by the SADC, to be eligible for it your farm had to be preserved before a certain date. Bob did not know the cut-off date off hand. Bob stated in the beginning SADC did not really push for exception areas, so now they are giving the owners an option. Kevin Milz stated that if you didn't have an exception area, you would take the square footage of the building and pay a one-time permit fee for that square footage. Shana stated she found the date, it is January 12th, 2006. It had to be preserved before that with no exception areas. It basically allows you to have a non-agricultural business on your farm. Shana stated its 500 square feet of an existing building that may be expanded up to 2,500 square feet of the interior of an existing building at least 5 years old.
- Bob asked Megan if she was able to attend the industrial Hemp meeting. She stated she did not get to the meeting. She stated things are in limbo with the state for permitting. Bob stated that if interested Rutgers put out a pamphlet about Industrial Hemp, he said it's an interesting read about how to go about starting the program.
- Board question if an agenda is this light again, could they cancel the meeting? Bob stated that the agenda changed at around 4 o'clock it was too late to cancel. In certain cases, they would have

to meet if they were voting on something, otherwise the issue would be pushed back another month and that would cause procedural delays.

Public Comments:

- None at this time

Adjournment:

- MOTION for adjournment made by Marc Phillips, John Pehinys SECONDED. All in favor by voice vote.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22.