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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board

November 14, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center. Members in attendance were John Parlett, David Paulk, Phil Dorsey, James Moore, Michael Sirk, and James Spence. Also present was Phil Shire from the St. Mary's County Land Use and Growth Management and Donna Sasscer and Lisa Ledman from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Members not in attendance included Adam Dyson, James Norris, and Joseph Wood. The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. Attendance was called and it was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the September 12, 2013 were read and approved by the Board.

Old Business

Agriculture Services Center – An updated version of the floor plan was shown to the Board and it was announced that the estimates are currently \$35,000 over budget due to the request to have more offices than open floor space. Staff is currently exploring other options to cut down on these costs.

Currently there is no Memorandum of Understanding with the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTWLT) to define the roles of the land trust and the county. Since the Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board is an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners, a letter should be drafted and sent expressing the discontent with the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust and the possibility of partnering with the local Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Board should be considered. This motion was made by Mr. Sirk and seconded by Mr. Spence with all members voting in favor.

New Business

The Board discussed the proposed text amendment to make the changes to the Zoning Ordinance concerning the subdivision of more than one lawfully existing single family dwelling on a single parcel. While the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau suggests the use of TDRs to accomplish this, this Board feels that would be "punishing" current landowners for something that was done

legally at the time of the action and the status has changed due to more recent zoning changes. The Board voted to draft a letter expressing this to the Board of County Commissioners, motioned by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Mr. Moore.

It was announced that there will be an informational meeting in regards to the Agricultural Science and Technology Education Program through St. Mary's County Public School System. This meeting will be held on November 19th at the College of Southern Maryland if anyone is interested in attending.

A draft 2014 Meeting Schedule was distributed, continuing with meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month on as needed basis.

January 9, 2014	July 10, 2014
February 13, 2014	August 14, 2014
March 13, 2014	September 11, 2014
April 10, 2014	October 9, 2014
May 8, 2014	November 13, 2014
June 12, 2014	December 11, 2014

Sub-Committee Reports

Farmers Markets Sub-Committee

Members – Joseph Wood (Chairman), James Moore (Vice Chair), David Paulk

Ms. Sasser distributed a map of parcels in the Charlotte Hall area that were currently being considered for a new location for the North St. Mary's County Farmers Market.

Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

Members – James Spence (Chairman), James Moore (Vice Chair), Adam Dyson, David Paulk, Joseph Wood

No update at this time.

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

Members – James Moore (Chairman), Michael Sirk (Vice Chair), Phil Dorsey, Adam Dyson, & James "Bubby" Norris

No update at this time.

Open Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.