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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
January 11, 2018
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 Steve Reeves, Scott Bacon, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Lynn Klug, John Parlett, Alan Polk, Patrick Russell, and Joseph Wood. Also present were Ben Beale from the University of Maryland Extension; Bruce Young from the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District; and Lisa Ledman and Sue Veith from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included: Annabelle Harvey from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT) and Cindy Greb from the Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D).

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. It was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the November 9, 2017 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Bacon.

Old Business

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market Relocation ó Ms. Ledman updated the Board that settlement had occurred on the property in Charlotte Hall for the relocation of the North St. Mary's County Farmers Market. Ms. Veith will bring sketches of proposed designs to the February Board Meeting.

Rural Legacy ó Ms. Ledman informed the Board that the County is currently in the process of submitting its Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget. Staff has compiled values submitted from RC&D and PTLT and forwarded these amounts to the Finance Department for review. Ms. Greb updated the Board that the Rural Legacy EVS was updated; this uses the MALPF appraisals to determine values for Rural Legacy easements. Ms. Harvey informed the Board of PTLT's Community Outreach including the Weed Warriors efforts at Myrtle Point and a trail at Snow Hill Park, and a Meet & Greet to be held at the Port of Leonardtown Winery on February 23rd from 6-8 pm.

Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) ó Ms. Ledman told the Board that the State has released new applications for the FY19 Easement Cycle however its unknown if funding will be combined with FY20 or not. Staff is working with landowners to complete applications.

Right to Seafood Ordinance ó Ms. Ledman notified the Board Commissioners of St. Maryø County voted to move this legislative proposal onto the Southern Maryland Delegation. The Board would like to see this name amended to the Right to Seafood Operations Ordinance.

Zoning Uses ó Ms. Veith has spoken to the Chairman of the Planning Commission who has expressed interested in serving on this subcommittee. Other members of the subcommittee will include Sue Veith, Steve Reeves, Ben Beale, Bruce Young, a member from the Department Land Use, and a member of the St. Maryø County Farm Bureau Ms. Veith will send out a poll to subcommittee members to select a date to begin meeting in February.

New Business

Election of Officers ó The Board voted for officers to remain the same, motioned by Mr. Parlett and seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Sub-Committee Reports

Farmers Markets Sub-Committee

Members –John Parlett, Colleen Corrigan, Patrick Russell, and Charles Webb

No update at this time.

Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

Members – Phil Langley, Alan Polk, Steve Reeves, Patrick Russell, and Joseph Wood

No update at this time.

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

Members – Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Steve Reeves, Michael Sirk, and Joseph Wood

No update at this time.

Open Comment

Mr. Young updated the Board the Soil Conservation District is requesting funds from Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) for a new manure spreader.

Maryland Department of Agriculture is sending a representative to every farm to physically inspect every reported Best Management Practice to ensure it is functioning as implemented to comply with the Bay Model for the Watershed Implementation Project. The Soil Conservation District Annual Dinner will be held on February 2nd at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m., motioned by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Young. The next meeting will is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.