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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
October 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, Phil Langley, Lynn Klug, Patrick Russell, Michael Sirk, Charles Webb, 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, Chris Kaselemis, Donna Sasscer Lisa Ledman and Sue Veith, from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included: Jamie Raley, President of the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau, Cindy Greb from the Southern Maryland Resource and Conservation Development (RC&D); Andrew Garte from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT); and John Hartline, Executive Director for the Tri-County Council For Southern Maryland.

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 September 13, 2018 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Wood and seconded by Ms. Klug.

New Business

None.

Old Business

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market Relocation – Ms. Veith updated the Board that the staff met with current vendors of the market for a second time. The vendors were concerned that the proposed stalls were too small and confining. Staff is working on revisions to incorporate input from vendors. A subcommittee is in the process of being created to further discuss building design and layout. Mr. Young expressed concern that the trail approvals through Maryland Department of the Environment may take over a year to receive and that this could be a constraint of using the MEARDAF grants that were awarded to RC&D.

SMADC Regional Agriculture Center – Mr. Hartline informed the Board that SMADC was still waiting on word from the Attorney General's Office to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) which will be open to the 5 Southern Maryland Counties. Ms. Sasscer updated the Board that

the Fisher Slaughter Facility received conditional approval from the Board of Appeals for approval to build an additional receiving area, final approval is expected after 30 days.

Rural Legacy –Ms. Greb had no updates to report from RC&D. Mr. Garte informed the Board that the public meeting to discuss the Huntersville Rural Legacy Expansion Area has been rescheduled to November 20th at the Charlotte Hall Library.

Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) – Ms. Sasscer stated that there were no updates at this time.

Zoning Uses – Mr. Reeves requests the updated document from the sub-committee be added to next month's agenda with redlines showing changes.

Sub-Committee Reports

Farmers Markets Sub-Committee

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

Ms. Sasscer updated the Board that the Home Grown Farm Market's Lease actually does not expire for another 2 years so the letter that was voted on at last month's meeting was not sent to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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. Hartline invited the Board to attend the Tri-County Council's full meeting on October 17th where the topic of discussion will be oyster habitat restoration using the Harry Nice Bridge decking.

Mr. Young thanked the Master Gardeners for their work on the new landscaping in front of the Agriculture Service Center Building.

Mr. Beale expressed concern for the agriculture community with the loss of Senator Middleton to the Southern Maryland area.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m., motioned by Mr. Wood and seconded by Ms. Klug. The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.