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<b>John K. Parlett, Jr</b>	<b>Alan Polk</b>	<b>Patrick Russell</b>	<b>Michael Sirk</b>
<b>Charles Webb</b>	<b>Joseph Wood</b>	<b>Bruce Young</b>	

**Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board**  
**November 9, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**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, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Phil Langley, Alan Polk, Patrick Russell, Michael Sirk, and Charles Webb. Also present were Ben Beale from the University of Maryland Extension; Bruce Young from the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District; John Hartline from the Tri-County Council; and Donna Sasscer, Lisa Ledman, Sue Veith, and Chris Kaselemis from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included: Andrew Garte from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT).

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 October 12, 2017 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

**Old Business**

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market Relocation ó Ms. Sasscer updated the Board that there is a settlement date pending for purchase of property in Charlotte Hall for the relocation of the North St. Mary's County Farmers Market. Ms. Sasscer also told the Board that the County was awarded a Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) Regional Agriculture Project (RAP) grant to be used towards relocation and construction of a market on this proposed site. There was also a check presentation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for 10% of the SMADC land preservation funds to be used towards farmers markets improvements.

Rural Legacy ó Mr. Garte informed the Board that PTLT was pleased with the State award of \$1.4 million to be used in the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area. PTLT is also looking at other federal and state programs to leverage funding in the Rural Legacy Areas.

Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) ó Ms. Sasscer told the Board that staff continues to assist landowners who have received easement offers.

Right to Seafood Ordinance ó Ms. Sasscer notified the Board Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to move this legislative proposal onto the Southern Maryland Delegation.

### **New Business**

Zoning Uses ó Ms. Veith distributed 2 documents to the Board to review suggested updated to the current Uses Table in the County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (chapter 51-2). The Board voted, motioned by Mr. Polk and seconded by Mr. Sirk, to establish a subcommittee/task force to review these changes and report back to the Board. The Subcommittee/Task Force will consist of Sue Veith, Steve Reeves, Ben Beale, Bruce Young, a member from the Department Land Use and Growth Management, a member of the Planning Commission, and a member of the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau

### **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, Steve Reeves, Patrick Russell, vacant and vacant*

No update at this time.

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

*Members – Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Michael Sirk, vacant, and vacant*

No update at this time.

### **Open Comment**

Mr. Polk requested Mark Muir, State Forester, attend the December meeting to discuss Red Oak Disease. Mr. Webb informed the Board of his difficulties in working with the Tech Center CASE Program. Mr. Webb and Ms. Sasscer worked with the teacher to devise a plan for processing the birds; there was opposition from the Administration to processing the birds on site.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m., motioned by Mr. Webb and seconded by Mr. Young. The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.