

St. Mary's County Government

AGRICULTURE, SEAFOOD, AND FORESTRY BOARD

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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board December 13, 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, Phil Langley, Lynn Klug, Patrick Russell, Michael Sirk, John Parlett, Charles Webb, and Joseph Wood. Also present were Donna Sasscer, and Sue Veith from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included: Cindy Greb from the Southern Maryland Resource and Conservation Development (RC&D); Andrew Garte from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT), and Shelby Hampton from the Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC).

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. It was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the October 11, 2018 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Joe Wood and seconded by Lynn Klug.

New Business

None.

Old Business

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market Relocation – Ms. Veith updated the Board that the staff met with the vendors of the North St. Mary's County Farmers Market. The new building design was shared with the vendors. All vendors seemed to like the current design.

SMADC Regional Agriculture Center – Ms. Hampton-Watson updated the Board Meeting on the Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP will be released on December 17th. The location of the RAC Grant award will be one of the 5 Southern Maryland Counties. Applications are due on February 21st. Ms. Hampton-Watson also presented the new Taking Stock book that was developed to share the stories of the Southern Maryland meat producers.

Rural Legacy – Mr. Garte reported to the Board about the Public Information Meeting to expand the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area. The meeting was held on November 20th at the Charlotte Hall Library. Mr. Garte also has plans to meet with County staff to better define the proposed

expansion boundary. Ms. Greb had 4 properties approved by the Board of Public Works for Rural Legacy Funding. She has submitted 2 additional packages for approval.

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

Zoning Uses –Ms. Sue Veith gave a presentation on the zoning regulations workgroup proposals. The Ag Board will go through each of these proposals in detail at their January 10, 2019 meeting.

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.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m., motioned by John Parlett and seconded by Phil Langley. The next meeting will is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.