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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
February 12, 2015
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, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Edward Falta, Jon Shenski, Michael Sirk, and James Spence. Also present were Bruce Young and Tom Koviak from the St. Mary's County Soil Conservation District, Ben Beale from the University of Maryland Extension, Al Stewart from the St. Mary's Resource Conservation and Development and Donna Sasscer and Lisa Ledman from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included Willy Goddard, Richard Hayden and Michael Hayden from the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau; and Phil Langley from the St. Mary's County Economic Development Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. It was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the January 15, 2015 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Old Business

SMADC Property – Mr. Parlett and Dr. Bergmark met with two St. Mary's County Commissioners who seemed to be very receptive to the plan for Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) purchasing a property in Northern St. Mary's County.

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market – The Board sent a letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County asking them to reconsider committing farms for relocating the North Farmers Market to the triangle property. The Board feels that this property is very limiting to the growth potential of the Market and is just a quick term fix that will not be adequate for the future.

Rural Legacy – Mr. Stewart updated the Board that the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust appeared before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 3, 2015 where they presented the Mattapany and Huntersville Rural Legacy Applications. The Commissioners signed a letter designating Mattapany as the priority funding area. An Alta Survey for the Schillinger property has been completed and the easement process is moving forward.

New Business

Annual Report – The Board reviewed the Draft 2014 Annual Report and made minor changes. As a result the Board would like to have Ms. Chasse from the State Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) office attend a future meeting to provide updates on regulations. The Board would also like to have an update on the Calvert Bay Aquaculture project. The Board would like to send a note to Mr. Scott Smith from the St. Mary's County Public Schools to thank him for his visit at the November meeting and ask if there is any assistance needed to assist with implementation of the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Program.

Sub-Committee Appointments – Future appointments to the Agriculture Seafood & Forestry Board must fulfill the 50% income from farming requirement outlines in the membership section of Resolution 2011-20. Mr. Russell was assigned to serve on the Farmers Market Sub-Committee. Dr. Falta was assigned to serve on the Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board. Mr. Paulk and Ms. Corrigan were assigned to the Agricultural Reconciliation Committee.

Sub-Committee Reports

Farmers Markets Sub-Committee

Members –David Paulk, Edward Falta, Charles Webb, Colleen Corrigan, Patrick Russell

No updates at this time

Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

Members – James Spence (Chairman), David Paulk, Edward Falta, Jon Shenski, Patrick Russell

The Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board will meet at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a child's lot request.

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

Members –Michael Sirk, Phil Dorsey, Colleen Corrigan, David Paluk, & Jon Shenski

No updates at this time

Open Comment

Mr. Young also informed the Board that in two weeks there would be a presentation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County in regards to the Watershed Implementation Process. Also the Soil Conservation District's Annual Cooperators Dinner will be held on February 27, 2015 at the Crystal Room in Callaway.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m., motioned by Mr. Sirk and seconded by Mr. Spence. The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.