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Colleen Corrigan	Phil Dorsey	Dr. Edward Falta	Patrick Russell
Jon Shenski	Michael Sirk	James Spence	Charles Webb

Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
April 9, 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, David Paulk, Colleen Corrigan, Edward Falta, Michael Sirk, James Spence, and Charles Webb. Also present was Ben Beale from the University of Maryland Extension, Al Stewart from the St. Mary's Resource Conservation and Development and Robin Finnacom and Donna Sasscer from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included Willy Goddard from the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau; Sharon Saez and Dudley Lindsay from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust; and Jackson Webb.

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 February 12, 2015 were read and approved by the Board.

Old Business

Annual Report – the Board reviewed the revisions to the Annual Report and approved that it be submitted to the County Administrator and Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Rural Legacy – Ms. Saez updated the Board on a proposed Schillinger easement purchase that is ready to go before the State Rural Legacy Board. The Land Trust is also beginning work on the next property for easement consideration. All easement properties were monitored. 23 volunteers attended the monitoring training. There are currently six active members of the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust.

North Farmers Market – The Board voted unanimously, motioned by Mr. Paulk and seconded by Mr. Spence, to draft a letter to the Commissioners asking to reinstate the CIP budget project and funding for the farmers market relocation. The Board also discussed alternative locations to the triangle property and would like information on the Dumas property sent to Commissioner Guy and Commissioner Hewitt.

New Business

Mr. Parlett attended the Boards and Commission Training that was hosted by St. Mary's County Legal Department. Financial disclosure forms must be filled out on an annual basis. A conflict of interest is defined as anything that the Board discusses that involves yourself, a family

member, or business associate. You must recuse yourself from conversations and votes regarding the matter. Mr. Sparling says “if you think you have a conflict of interest then you probably do.” Meeting attendance is to be recorded. A copy of the presentation will be distributed at the next meeting.

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

No updates at this time

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

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

No updates at this time

Open Comment

Dr. Falta gave the Board information on the Annual Beer Fest held at Historic St. Mary’s City on June 20th from noon until 6 pm.

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, May 14, 2015 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.