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**Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board**  
**June 14, 2018**  
**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, John Parlett, Alan Polk, Charles Webb, and Joseph Wood. Also present were Ben Beale from the University of Maryland Extension; Bobby Cooper representing Bruce Young from the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District; and, Donna Sasscer Lisa Ledman and Sue Veith, from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included: John Hartline from the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and Dudley Lindsey from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT).

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. It was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the May 10, 2018 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Parlett and seconded by Mr. Polk.

**Old Business**

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market Relocation ó Ms. Veith updated the Board that DED staff met with Mr. Deatrick from the County's Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) to discuss the Capital Improvement Project Budget. Staff continues to research available grants such as those through the Rural Maryland Council that can be used for this project.

SMADC Meat Processing Facility ó Staff delayed drafting a letter in regards to the County purchasing an identified property in Leonardtown that is for sale. The Board would like this letter to move forward to the Commissioners.

Rural Legacy ó Ms. Veith told the Board that Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) was in the process of submitting 2 easements for REPI & DNR review. There are site visits scheduled for 2 additional properties (1 not using REPI funding). Ms. Lindsey updated the Board that PTLT had just closed on 2 easements, which were the last of their contract with RC&D. They also have dates for 2 additional easement closings in June and July which will bring their total protected lands to over 5,400 acres with hopes to close on at

least one easement per month through November 2018. PTLT would like to expand the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area and has started outreach to landowners in the potential expansion area.

Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) ó Ms. Sasscer informed the Board that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will be meeting on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, to approve the ranking of the FY2019 easement applications. Staff will then forward the top 12 ranked applications to the State for easement consideration.

Zoning Uses ó Ms. Veith told the Board that the subcommittee members continue to meet and are currently working to define uses and update standards.

Equipment Rental Program ó Farm Bureau sent a response letter that they do not plan to return any funds as a result of transferring the equipment rental program to the Home Grown Farm Market.

### **New Business**

None.

### **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*

The Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board will meet after this meeting to discuss 2 lot requests received from easement owners.

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

*Members – Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Steve Reeves, Michael Sirk, and Joseph Wood*

No update at this time.

### **Open Comment**

Mr. Heartline updated the Board that his staff has been working with Fisher Farm and the current target date is November 1 for USDA Slaughter approval. There is currently a building in place for the slaughter facility however the processing/custom cutting may be done in a separate location.

Mr. Hartline has been in contact with the Potomac River Fisheries about remediation from the decking that will be removed from the Harry Nice Bridge replacement project being used as an oyster reef/habitat. A similar project was also done when the Wilson Bridge was replaced. This proposed project will take place in 2023.

Mr. Beale updated the Board that the Soil Conservation District hosted a meeting with timber harvest operators. All were in agreement to voluntarily do a trail run with pre and post constructions meetings.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m., motioned by Mr. Polk and seconded by Mr. Parlett. The next meeting will is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.