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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
July 12, 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, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Lynn Klug, John Parlett, Alan Polk, Patrick Russell, and Joseph Wood. Also present were 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: Shelby Watson-Hampton from the Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC), Cindy Greb from the Southern Maryland Resource and Conservation Development, and Andrew Garte 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 June 14, 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 she has been working on design plans and getting estimates from the project. 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 Ms. Waston-Hampton gave the Board a presentation about the Regional Agriculture Center (RAC). The project scope has changed since it was first presented years ago with the establishment of a privately run slaughter facility. A Request from Proposal will be forthcoming to the 5 Southern Maryland Counties for a custom processing facility to accept meat from any USDA Slaughter facility. SMADC has \$1,000,000 for the purchase of the RAC and \$800,000 for a loan through MARBIDCO for the operator to retrofit the facility. This presentation will be given to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on Tuesday, July 17th.

Rural Legacy ó Both land trusts are awaiting grant awards for this year. Ms. Greb told the Board that RC&D will settle on 5 easements before the end of August. Mr. Garte updated the Board that PTLT is working to close on 2 easements in July and is also working on outreach to interested landowners for a potential expansion of the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area.

Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) ó Ms. Sasscer informed the Board that the top 12 ranked applications were submitted to the State for easement consideration.

Zoning Uses ó There has been no meeting of this subcommittee since the last Board meeting.

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

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.

Open Comment

Ms. Watson-Hampton invited the Board to join the Buy Local Challenge Celebration that will be hosted on July 30th at Greenstreet Gardens in Anne Arundel County. She also told the Board that SMADC has put out an Request for Proposal for equipment, Mr. Young responded that the Soil Conservation District will be applying for a new manure spreader.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m., motioned by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Polk. The next meeting will is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2018 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.