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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
August 9, 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, Scott Bacon, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Lynn Klug, Alan Polk, Michael Sirk, 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: David Weiskopf, Acting St. Mary's County Attorney; Cindy Greb from the Southern Maryland Resource and Conservation Development (RC&D); Andrew Garte from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT); Steve Helmrich and Johnny Knott.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. It was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the July 12, 2018 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Polk and seconded by Mr. Wood.

Old Business

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market Relocation ó Ms. Veith updated the Board that the County is currently getting estimates from the project. RC&D & Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission) SMADC have submitted for grants from the Rural Maryland Council that can be used for this project. Ms. Sasscer told the Board that there will be a meeting for current market vendors on August 23rd at 10 am at the Charlotte Hall Library.

SMADC Meat Processing Facility ó Ms. Sasscer told the Board that SMADC has given presentations to all 5 Southern Maryland counties however the Request for Proposals (RFP) has not been issued yet.

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 has closed on 4 easements in the Mattapan Rural Legacy Area the past 2 months 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 The subcommittee met and since the last Board meeting. Highlights from the meeting include determining thresholds for requiring permits, minor site plan approval, and major site plan approval. Also a change to the standards for agriculture related uses.

New Business

Huntersville Rural Legacy Boundary Expansion ó Mr. Garte presented the Board with maps of the current and proposed Huntersville Rural Legacy Expansion Area. Currently PTLT is mailing information to landowners to gather interest of expanding the area. PTLT hopes to hold a meeting in October. Mr. Garte hopes to submit this expansion with the 2019 Rural Legacy Application, however if there is not enough landowner interest at that time the expansion will not be submitted. The Board was favorable of the expansion and will submit an official letter of support when the application is prepared.

Aquaculture Ordinance Update ó Mr. Weiskopf was available to answer questions about a Public Hearing to be held on August 28th at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room for the consideration of a proposed moratorium on commercial dock use associated with the on-and off-loading of seafood catch from new DNR-authorized shellfish aquaculture leases.

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

Mr. Young told the Board that the St. Mary's SCD will be holding an agriculture Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) phase III meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 1:30 until 3:30 in conference room C of the Ag center. This meeting is to refine the WIP II goals and to account for an additional 1.3 million pounds of Nitrogen that has been allocated to the Maryland agriculture sector. The meeting will be facilitated by MDA and they will be accessing CAST which will allow for real time nutrient reductions based on best management plans (bmp)

recommendations. Agricultural producers, Farm Bureau, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, University of Maryland Extension and county government staff are all invited to contribute to the discussion.

Ms. Ledman passed along a message from Mr. Beale about a Vegetable Production and IPM Twilight Walking Tour on August 10th from 6 ó 8 pm at the farm of Stanley Stauffer, 25905 Loveville Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Ms. Ledman also told the Board of a Chesapeake Foodshed Project Community Meeting to be held on August 21st from 5:30 ó 7:45 pm at the Charlotte Hall Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m., motioned by Mr. Wood and seconded by Ms. Klug. The next meeting will is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.