

**Ocean County Agriculture Development Board**  
**Minutes of May 14, 2026**  
**New Egypt Town Hall**

**Attendance:** Doug Hallock, Chair; Jeff Vogel (OCADB); Dawn Corbett-Nivison (OCADB); Glenn Riccardi (OCADB); Timothy Gleason (OCPLD); Mat Thompson (County Counsel); Dr. Stephen Yergeau (OC Ag Ext); Rachel Hammack (OCSCD) Jessica Pinto (OCSCD)

Public Attendees: Diane Vogel

**I. Flag Salute**

**II. Call to order and Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act-** Mr. Hallock (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm by stating the Open Public Meetings Act requirements had been met.

**III. Roll Call**

**IV. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2026**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Vogel to approve the March 12, 2026 minutes. Mr. Riccardi seconded. Roll call. All in favor, Motion carried.

**V. New Business -** Mr. Gleason provided updates on the following easement concerns:

- **Delicias Del Campo** – This farm is located at 50 Fischer Road in Plumsted Township. Construction of new structures on the property is apparent from recent aerial imagery. Soil disturbance may be near the threshold for the SADC’s Soil Disturbance Standards. The farm is conducting special occasion events that may be of concern. An inspection is scheduled with attendance from Plumsted Township, Ocean County Soil Conservation District, and the Ocean County Health Department.
- **Canka Farm** – This farm is located at 149 Brindletown Road in Plumsted Township. The SADC has approved a corrective action plan for the removal of biosolids that were imported onto the property in July of 2025. County staff became aware of this while conducting annual farmland inspections. Excavation and removal of the biosolids were being supervised by consultants. Mr. Thompson highlighted concerns about Ocean County being left out of the process and how the potential removal of farm soil could affect the deed of easement.

**2026 Special Occasion Event Applications**

- **Delicias Del Campo** – The application for 50 Fischer Road in Plumsted Township highlights holding 12 cultural events with 50-300 attendees anticipated per event. The application was shared with the Plumsted Township for their review. In the past, there have been complaints of noise and traffic associated

with these events. The new structures on the farm are suspected of being built solely for these events which would be an easement concern.

Due to the potential easement violations, Mr. Gleason and Mr. Thompson recommended no action at this time because the Board has 90 days to review the application.

- **Laurita Winery** – The application for 85 Archertown Road in Plumsted Township consisted of applying for two weddings. The Board was informed that most events held at Laurita do not fall under special occasion events because they are considered “on-farm direct marketing”. The Board had no comments on the application.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Nivison to approve the Laurita Winery Special Occasion Events application for the 2026 calendar year, Mr. Vogel seconded. Roll call. All in favor, Mr. Hallock Abstained, motion carried.

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **Update of Ocean County’s 2008 Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan -**

Mr. Gleason informed the Board that The Land Conservancy of New Jersey was awarded the contract for updating the County’s 2008 Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan. County staff informed the Board that an initial meeting will be set up within the next few weeks with the SADC to go over standards that need to be met. Board members are encourage to attend the meeting and an anticipated farm tour that will occur at a future date.

- VII. Public Comment** – Mrs. Pinto introduced Rachel Hammack as a new staff person who will be involved with the Ag Board. Mrs. Pinto added that the biosolids issue on Canka Farm is not under review by the Soil District, but the farm lane improvements remain a violation. Mrs. Pinto also requested to be involved with updating the Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

A **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:50 pm was made by Mr. Hallock, Mr. Vogel seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Next Meeting: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:30pm**  
**New Egypt Town Hall**

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas Thorsen  
GIS Specialist