

**Ocean County Agricultural Development Board
Minutes of January 14, 2020
Plumsted Township Municipal Building
New Egypt, NJ**

Attendance: Doug Hallock; Chairman, Jeff Adams; Vice Chairman, Jon Dancer; Kathleen Sucharski, Martin Lynch (OCADB), Cassie Shugart (OCPD), Mark Villinger (OCPD), Thomas Thorsen (OCPD) Mathew Thompson (County Counsel), Charles Roohr (SADC), Jessica Pinto (OCSCD)

- I. **Call to order and Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act-** Chairman Hallock called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm by declaring a quorum and stating the Open Public Meetings Act requirements had been met.
- II. **Reorganization-** A **MOTION** to reappoint Mr. Hallock as Chairman was made by Jeff Adams, seconded by Kathleen Sucharski. All in favor, Mr. Hallock abstained, motion passed. A **MOTION** to reappoint Mr. Adams as Vice Chairman was made by Kathleen Sucharski seconded by Martin Lynch. All in favor, Mr. Adams abstained, motion passed. A **MOTION** to appoint Kathleen Sucharski as Secretary was made by Jeff Adams seconded by Jon Dancer. All in favor, Kathleen Sucharski abstained, motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - **August 14, 2019 Minutes:** A **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 and November 13, 2019 meeting was made by Jeff Adams, seconded by Martin Lynch. All in favor, motion passed.
 - **November 13, 2019 Minutes:** A **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting was made by Jeff Adams, seconded by Martin Lynch. All in favor, motion passed.
- IV. **Program Update** Mr. Villinger informed the board that Casey Hunter, who was previously on the board was to be appointed back on the board the following day. He then introduced the presenters.
- V. **“Special Occasion Events” presentation-** Susan Payne, SADC Executive Director presented a set of SOE workgroup committee recommendations which will be reviewed within the SADC. The recommendations lay out a framework of allowing a certain number of SOE’s on all preserved farmland.
- VI. **“Soil Protection Standards” presentation-** Jeffrey Everett, SADC Deputy Executive Director presented. Proposed standards for soil disturbance thresholds were presented.
- VII. **Public Comment-** Mr. William Fox of New Egypt commented that he felt it was unfair that in the beginning of the farmland program, farm owners may not have been told about the ability to take out exception areas from farmland easements. This makes it difficult for these farms to have special occasion events. He felt the pilot program and proposed regulations infringe on property rights. He felt that the events are not disturbing the soil, and limiting these events is not supportive of farmers.

Mr. Villinger reminded and encouraged the public present to submit comments directly to the SADC.

VIII. 2020 Meeting Schedule – The Board approved the 2020 meeting schedule.

IX. Closed Session

A **MOTION** to enter into closed session was made by Mr. Hallock at 8:37 pm and seconded by Ms. Sucharski, all in favor, motion passed.

A **MOTION** to return to Open Session was made by Mr. Adams at 8:45pm and seconded by Mr. Lynch, all in favor, motion passed.

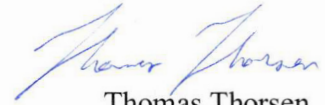
A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Adams to advance the Hankins application to the Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee and to recommend easement acquisition for Block 694, part of Lots 4, 5, 8, & 29, Toms River Township, approximately 9.12 acres (pending final survey) at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 per acre.

XI. Adjournment: A **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:30 pm was made by Jeff Adams and seconded by Kathleen Sucharski. All in favor, motion passed.

Next Meeting Time and Place:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7pm in Toms River.

Respectfully Submitted,


Thomas Thorsen
GIS Specialist II