

Ocean County Agriculture Development Board
Minutes of September 12, 2024
New Egypt Town Hall

Attendance: Doug Hallock, Chair; Herbert Marinari (OCADB); Glenn Riccardi (OCADB); Jeff Vogel (OCADB); Martin Lynch (OCADB); Timothy Gleason (OCPLD); Thomas Thorsen (OCPLD); Mat Thompson (County Counsel); Jessica Pinto (Soil Conservation District); Dr. Stephen Yergeau (OC Ag Ext).

Public Attendees: Diane Vogel, Mayor Dominick Cuzzo

I. Flag Salute

II. Call to order and Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act- Mr. Hallock (Chair) called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm by stating the Open Public Meetings Act requirements had been met.

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2024

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Lynch to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes. Mr. Vogel seconded. Roll call. All in favor, motion carried.

V. New Business:

- **Cameron Farmland Preservation Application** - Mr. Gleason presented this new farmland preservation application to the Board. The SADC has indicated they may not partner in the acquisition because of the size and limited development potential due to wetlands on site. The vicinity to several other preserved farms and County open space makes it of interest to the Board. Mr. Gleason suggested scheduling a site visit and possibly following up with appraisals.

VI. Old Business:

- **Cicconi Farm** – Mr. Gleason informed the Board that after they recommended to make an offer at the July meeting, County staff brought the application to the Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee. The Committee recommended revisiting the application when the agreement to hold Halloween attraction events comes to an end. Mr. Lynch asked if the agreement was with an outside party and he was informed that it was. He then agreed that delaying the application is probably a good idea.

- **Cier/Denson Farm** – Mr. Gleason let the Board know that the Ceir/Denson farm owners have renewed interest in selling their farm for preservation. An offer letter was sent by staff over 6 months ago and an agreement was not able to be made. Mr. Gleason informed the Board members that staff will request updated appraisals and send an updated offer letter.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Lynch to move into closed session at 8:12 pm. Mr. Riccardi seconded. Roll call. All in favor, motion carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Vogel to move out of closed session into open session at 8:17 pm. Mr. Vogel seconded. Roll call. All in favor, motion carried.

There will be action taken on the preserved farm that was discussed in closed session:

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Riccardi to approve the resolution supporting the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) efforts in commencing litigation against Canka Farms and Stables, LLC and GreenCell Farms, LLC for being in violation of the Deed of Easement. Mr. Vogel seconded. Mr. Marinari abstained. Roll call. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Public Comment

There was no comments received from the public.

VIII. Adjournment

A **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:22 pm was made by Mr. Marinari and Mr. Vogel seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Next Meeting: October 10th, 2024 at 8:00pm
Manchester Township Council Meeting Room/Courtroom

Respectfully Submitted,



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GIS Specialist