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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
November 19, 2015
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 John Parlett, David Paulk, Phil Dorsey, Phil Langley, Patrick Russell, Michael Sirk, and James Spence. Also present was Ben Beale from the University of Maryland Extension, Tom Koviak from the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District, and Donna Sasscer and Lisa Ledman from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance at the meeting included: Christine Bergmark from the Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) and Cindy Greb, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D).

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. It was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the September 10, 2015 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Mr. Spence.

Old Business

SMADC Property- Ms. Bergmark updated the Board that SMADC continues to try to work through the legal process to issue the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the project.

Rural Legacy – Ms. Sasscer distributed a map that was prepared by the Navy of a proposed Mattapany Rural Legacy Area Expansion. The Board suggests that the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust send a letter along with the map to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County asking for approval to expand the area. The Board is concerned that there is not adequate time between now and when the next Rural Legacy Application is due (February) to contact landowners who would be affected by the expansion. The Board is also concerned that the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust is relying too much on the RC&D and is still not as involved as they should be in administering the land preservation program.

Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) – Ms. Sasscer has previously spoke to the Board about the difference in the appraisals that were conducted by MALPF to determine the offer values this easement cycle. The Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board invited Mr. Bill Beech from the Department of General Services to this meeting to explain

the offer process. Mr. Beech declined to attend however the MALPF Program Director, Carol West, will attend the December Board Meeting.

North St. Mary's County Farmers Market – Mr. Parlett spoke to the Board about the North St. Mary's County Farmers Market and the need to have it relocated from the Charlotte Hall Library. The Board voted, motioned by Mr. Paulk and seconded by Mr. Spence, to draft a letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to ask that they add a Capital Improvement Project (CIP). The Board acknowledges that there was a project last year that was removed from the budget in anticipation of utilizing the SMADC proposed property as an alternative location, however with their delay of property acquisition the Board would like to see the project returned to the CIP budget.

New Business

Annual Report – The Board was given a draft copy of the 2015 Annual Report to review in preparation for the December meeting.

Terms Expiring – Mr. Spence and Mr. Sirk will retire from the Board after the December Meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

Farmers Markets Sub-Committee

Members –David Paulk, Edward Falta, Charles Webb, Colleen Corrigan, Patrick Russell

No updates at this time.

Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

Members – James Spence (Chairman), David Paulk, Edward Falta, Jon Shenski, Patrick Russell

Will meet at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss an issue on an easement property.

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

Members –Michael Sirk, Phil Dorsey, Colleen Corrigan, David Paluk, & Jon Shenski

No updates at this time.

Open Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m., motioned by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Mr. Spence. The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.