

**Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board (Thursday, June 13, 2019)**

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**Members present**

Richard A Polk, John Parlett, Philip Dorsey, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Langley, Stephen Reeves, Joseph W Wood, Lynn Klug, Ben Beale, Bruce Young

**Meeting called to order at 12:20 PM****1. CALL TO ORDER****2. ROLL CALL****A. Welcome Guests**

Jamie Raley, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau

Shelby Hampton, Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC)

Cindy Greb, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

Andrew Garte, Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust

Frank Allen, Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust

Chris Kaselemis, St. Mary's County Economic Development

Donna Sasscer, St. Mary's County Economic Development

Sue Veith, St. Mary's County Economic Development

Lisa Ledman, St. Mary's County Economic Development

**B. Approval of the April 10, 2019 Minutes**

I move to approve the Minutes from the April 10, 2019 Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board Meeting. Motion by John Parlett, second Colleen Corrigan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Polk, John Parlett, Philip Dorsey, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Langley, Stephen Reeves, Joseph Wood, Lynn Klug, Ben Beale, Bruce Young

**3. PRESENTATION**

None.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Farmers Markets**

Ms. Sasscer updated the Board that all Markets sponsored by the County are open for the season and appear to be doing well. Mr. Parlett requested that the Farmers Market Sub-Committee and any additional Board members who are interested in the Markets, hold a meeting on August 8th at 10:30 in the Agriculture Service Center Meeting Room to discuss a single form management style/entity for all markets in the County.

**B. Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board**

The Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board met on May 24th to approve the ranking of the FY2020 Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) applications. The Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board will need to meet at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss 3 requests from current easement owners.

**C. Agriculture Reconciliation Committee**

None.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)

The FY2020 MALPF applications have been submitted to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for approval on their June 11, 2019 meeting. Once approved at the County level, applications will then be submitted to the State for easement consideration.

### B. Rural Legacy

Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT) - Andrew Garte will no longer be the Executive Director for the PTLT, all correspondence should be addressed to Frank Allen.

Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - RC&D attended a meeting with representatives from the Navy, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and St. Mary's County. The purpose of this meeting was to help process easements in a more timely manner.

### C. Regional Agriculture Center (RAC)

SMADC is hosting a series of Town Hall Meetings to gather input for the RAC from the public.

### D. Relocation of North St. Mary's County Farmers Market

Economic Development has had several in-house meeting with Land Use and Growth Management and the Department of Public Works and Transportation to determine the permitting process for the this project.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Open Comment Period

Mr. Langley updated the Board that the Atlantic States Marie Fisheries currently reports that stripped bass are over fished, this is going to lead to restrictions for the 2020 season. Mr. Langley also shared that Mallows Bay in Charles County is to be designated as a National Sanctuary.

Mr. Young informed the Board that the Maryland Envirothon competition will be held at St. Mary's College June 19 through June 20, 2019. Fifteen teams from Maryland will be competing. Ryken won the St. Mary's Envirothon and will participate. This is the first time that Ryken has won the local event.

Mr. Raley informed the board members that Maryland Farm Bureau will be joining other Ag organizations and allied groups with filing an Amicus brief with the Maryland Court of Appeals. The purpose of the brief is to petition the Court of Appeals to review a case decided earlier this year by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. On May 2, 2019, the Maryland Court of Special Appeals issued a reported opinion upholding Montgomery County's ban on the use of registered pesticides on private lawns and other areas throughout the County. This ruling reversed an August 2017 trial court decision that had found the ban invalid. This ruling appears to open the door for local governments across Maryland to adopt their own bans on pesticide uses that have already been reviewed and approved based on the scientific data by EPA and the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Amici petitioners want to explain to the Court of Appeals the practical impacts on residents and businesses if each Maryland locality is authorized to adopt its own unscientific bans of EPA- and State-approved pesticide products, and have the Court of Special Appeals ruling reversed.

Ms. Hampton invited the Board to attend the following SMADC sponsored events

- Grain Growers Workshop - July 10, 2019 from 4 pm to 8 pm at Bunker Hill Farm, 10365 Branchville Road, Newburg, MD

- 2019 Hops Farm Tour & Field Day - July 17, 2019 from 8 am to 6 pm at the Western Maryland Research and Education Center, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD

- 3rd Annual Buy Local Challenge Celebration - July 27, 2019 from 5 pm to 8 pm at Spider Hall Farm

7. ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the June 13, 2019 Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board Meeting. Motion by Joseph Wood, second Lynn Klug.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard A Polk, John Parlett, Philip Dorsey, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Langley, Stephen Reeves, Joseph Wood, Lynn Klug, Ben Beale, Bruce Young