

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

June 25, 2024

This meeting was held via internet and telephone conference call.

Trustees Participating:

Cricket Goodall, Vice Chair
Deborah Herr Cornwell, representing Secretary Rebecca Flora, Maryland
Department of Planning
Alex Butler, representing Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman
Joseph Wood
J. Bruce Yerkes
Michael Calkins, representing Secretary Kevin Atticks, Maryland Department
of Agriculture
Gary Dell

Trustees Absent:

Catherine Cosgrove
William Allen, Chair
Gilbert "Buddy" Bowling
Elizabeth Hill

Others Participating:

Michelle Cable, Executive Director
Elizabeth de Mozenette, MALPF Administrator
Kim Hoxter, MALPF Monitoring and Stewardship Coordinator
Amanda Massoni, MALPF Fiscal Specialist
Chana Turner, MALPF Administrator
Mike Steadman, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Department of Agriculture
Cara Frye, Assistant Attorney General, Department of General Services
Renee Dyson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of General Services
Elisa Deflaux, Talbot County Program Administrator
Jennifer David, Calvert County Program Administrator
Jenna Zimmerman, Frederick County Staff
Beth Beales, Caroline County Program Administrator
Summer Roen, Calvert County Staff
Mike Weyand, Montgomery County Program Administrator
Billy Gorski, Anne Arundel County Staff
John Groves, Garrett County Staff
Lauren Longo, Howard County Staff
Jennifer Wilson, Harford County Program Administrator
Eddie Franceschi, Anne Arundel County Program Administrator
Joe Pippin, Queen Anne's County Staff
Roy Cool, Allegany County Program Administrator
Cal Carpenter, Charles County Staff
Shannon O'Neil, Frederick County Program Administrator
J.P. Smith, Carroll County Program Administrator
Donna Landis-Smith, Queen Anne's County Program Administrator
Beth Ahalt, Frederick County Staff

Ms. Goodall, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. via internet and telephone conference call. Ms. Cable stated the names of the participants on the conference call, for the record, and asked anyone that was not named to identify themselves.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2024

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval for up to 2 acres for the lot.

Ms. Cable introduced the item. Ms. Wilson was available to answer questions from the Board.

Motion #3: To approve the exclusion of up to 2.0 acres for a child's lot for Jason A. Smith

Motion: Dell Second: Wood
Status: Approved

C. CHARLES COUNTY

1. 08-81-01c Serenity Farm, Inc. (Robinson Family) ~222 acres

Request – Charles County:

Request approval to host SMADC's Buy Local Challenge Celebration Event on July 29, 2024, under the Permitted Uses Policy, with parking to exceed 2-acres. In addition, request the ability to host this event in future under same conditions.

Recommendation:

After reviewing the request and considering the criteria set forth in COMAR 15.15.07.03 and considering the historical relationship of the requested activities to farming, Staff recommends approval for the current Buy Local Challenge Celebration as well as the ability for Serenity Farm to host the event in the future under the same conditions.

Ms. Cable introduced the item. Mr. Carpenter was available to answer questions from the Board.

Motion #4: To approve the request to Host SMADC's Buy Local Challenge Celebration Event on July 29, 2024

Motion: Dell Second: Wood
Status: Approved

Motion #5: To approve the ability for SMADC to host this event at this farm in the future if conditions remain the same in upcoming years.

Motion: Wood Second: Dell
Nay: Yerkes
Status: Approved

V. NEW AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENT PETITIONS:

N/A

VI. PROGRAM POLICY

N/A

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. FY 2024 Inspection Deadline Extension Request

Garrett County requests a 2-month extension to the June 30, 2024 deadline for completion of inspections. The county submitted a letter to the Board explaining their situation and requests an extension to complete inspections and submit reports by August 30, 2024.

Motion #6: To approve an extension for state easement inspections until August 2024 for Garrett County.

Motion: Yerkes Second: Herr-Cornwell

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Status: Approved

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Goodall asked for a motion for adjournment of the meeting to move into a closed session, pursuant to the applicable provisions of General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b): (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Motion #6: To adjourn the regular session at 9:30 am to move into a closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Motion: Herr-Cornwell Second: Dell
Status: Approved

The Closed Meeting of the Board was held from 9:33 a.m. to 9:38 a.m. on June 25, 2024, via internet and telephone conference call, pursuant to the provisions of the General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b): Annotated Code of Maryland:

General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b):

(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and

(8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

During the Closed Meeting, the following Board members were present: Cricket Goodall, Vice Chair, Deborah Herr Cornwell, representing Secretary Rebecca Flora, Maryland Department of Planning, Alex Butler, representing Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman, Michael Calkins, representing Secretary Kevin Atticks, Joe Wood, Gary Dell, and J. Bruce Yerkes.

The following Board members were absent: William Allen, Chair, Elizabeth Hill, Cathy Cosgrove, and Gilbert "Buddy" Bowling

The following MALPF staff and legal representatives were also present during the closed session meeting: Michelle Cable, Elizabeth de Mozenette, Chana Turner, Kim Hoxter, Amanda Massoni, Michael Steadman, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Renee Dyson Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of General Services and Cara Frye, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of General Services.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- A. Approval of May 28, 2024 Closed Session Minutes
- B. Status Report of Pending Legal Issues

Respectfully Submitted:



Michelle Cable, Executive Director