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**Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board**  
**April 10, 2014**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**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, Dr. Edward Falta, James Moore, James Spence, and Joseph Wood. Also present was Bruce Young and Tom Koviak from the St. Mary's County Soil Conservation District, Al Stewart from the St. Mary's County Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Board, Sue Veith from the St. Mary's County Land Use and Growth Management Department and Donna Sasscer and Lisa Ledman from the St. Mary's County's Economic Development Department. Guests in attendance were Patrick Russell and Merl Evans. The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. It was confirmed that there were enough members present to form a quorum. Minutes from the March 20, 2014 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Wood.

**Old Business**

**Rural Legacy** – The Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTWLT) has been invited to the Board's May meeting. Staff will be meeting with PTWLT and RC&D to discuss what will be needed for RC&D to administer the Rural Legacy Program through PTWLT. As a side note, the County has been approached to partner with the Conservation Fund, who works with the Navy to protect properties in the area, to put an easement on the Shannon Farms property near Gate 3 of Pax River. This would give the county waterfront access allowing for passive recreation. Staff has also met with Ken Barbour who says that the Navy is just as interested in protecting Glazed Pines as it is in Shannon Farms. Glazed Pines is located in the development district so no Rural Legacy funding can be used for this. The Board would like to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to add money in the county's CIP for this great recreation opportunity.

**North St. Mary's County Farmers Market** – A meeting with County Department Heads was scheduled but needed to be cancelled. The Board agrees that there is a need to focus on a long term plan before addressing a quick fix. The Board voted unanimously, motioned by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to send the letter to the Board of Commissioners as drafted.

Southern States – The temporary showroom is open and operating. It will be about 45 days until the previous showroom is finished and they are moved back. The zoning problem has been corrected as it was decided there was a discrepancy error on the map.

Aquaculture – The Maryland and St. Mary’s County Waterman’s Associations have voted to opposed the Calvert Bay project due to the large size impacted. There was a meeting with Senator Dyson, Delegate Bohannon, and Commissioner Russell at the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Citizens spoke and gave their concerns over the proposed project. Delegate Bohannon offered to facilitate a meeting between Senator Hoyer and the Army Corps of Engineers.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Farmers Markets Sub-Committee

*Members – Joseph Wood (Chairman), James Moore (Vice Chair), David Paulk, Edward Falta*

No updates at this time

Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

*Members – James Spence (Chairman), James Moore (Vice Chair), Adam Dyson, David Paulk, Joseph Wood*

Will meet at conclusion of this meeting to discuss child lot requests and proposed land swap request.

Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

*Members – James Moore (Chairman), Michael Sirk (Vice Chair), Phil Dorsey, Adam Dyson, & Jon Shenski*

No updates at this time

### **Open Comment**

None.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m., motioned by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Spence. The next meeting will is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2014 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.