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Agricultural, Seafood, and Forestry Board
September 10, 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, Colleen Corrigan, Phil Dorsey, Patrick Russell, Michael Sirk, James Spence, and Charles Webb. Also present was Ben Beale from the University of Maryland Extension, Bruce Young 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, SMADC
Jennifer Carnahan, SMADC
Delegate Deb Rey, District 29-C
Bubby Norris, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau
Joseph & Mary Wood, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau
Joe St. Clair,
Charles Mattingly
Merl Evans
John Norris, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau
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Jeffrey Raley, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau
Amy Daley, Charles County Planning
Jamie Raley, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau
Sue Veith, Land Use and Growth Management
Peggy Danielson, Southern Maryland Relief
Danny Mayer
Kevin Connor, Maryland Department of Agriculture Chief of Staff
Robert Morehouse
Jeff Thompson
Eric Sterling, Chairman, Policy Committee Medical Cannabis Commission
Nicole Fennelly, University of Maryland Extension, Nutrient Management
Al Stewart, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D).
Cindy Greb, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D).

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 June 11, 2015 were read and approved by the Board, motioned by Ms. Corrigan and seconded by Mr. Spence.

Old Business

SMADC Property- Ms. Bergmark updated the Board that the project is on track and they are still working through the process.

Rural Legacy – Mr. Stewart introduced the Board to Ms. Cindy Greb who will be the new Executive Director with Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D). Mr. Stewart updated the Board at the conclusion of the meeting that the PTLT is moving forward with the purchase of 2 properties in the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area. Mr. Stewart told the Board that the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment for one property is ready to be provided to the Navy and work on the Assessment for a second property is about to begin.

New Business

Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) – Eric Sterling, Chainman, of the Policy Committee for the MMCC presented the Board with an overview of the rules and regulations with regards to the growing and distribution of medical cannabis as it will pertain to Maryland. Mr. Sterling then answered numerous questions from the Board and visitors in regards to processes and procedures. A copy of Mr. Sterling’s presentation may be obtained by contacting the Department of Economic Development’s Agriculture Division.

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

No updates at this time.

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 is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2015 at noon in the Conference Room of the Agriculture Services Center.