

## Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board (Thursday, March 9, 2023)

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 12:10 PM

## 2. ROLL CALL

## A. Confirmation of Quorum

Members present included Stephen Reeves, Scott Bacon, Ben Beale, Bonnie Browne, Phil Dorsey, Kaitlyn Fraer, Alan Polk, Donna Sasscer, Michael Sirk, Joseph Wood, Bruce Young

## B. Welcome Guests

Lisa Ledman, St. Mary's County Economic Development

Sue Veith, St. Mary's County Economic Development

Allison Burnett, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation &amp; Development

Caroline King, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation &amp; Development

Jessica McGlinsey, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation &amp; Development

Viv Marek, Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust

Abby Greenwell, Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust

Joan Bearden, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau

Susan McQuilkin, Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission

Bradley Quick, University of Maryland Extension Intern

Paul Russell, MALPF Landowner

Jamie Raley, MALPF Landowner

## B. Approval of the December 8, 2022 Minutes

I move to approve Minutes from December 8, 2022 Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board Meeting. Motion by Joseph Wood, second Michael Sirk

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Stephen Reeves, Scott Bacon, Ben Beale, Bonnie Browne, Phil Dorsey, Kaitlyn Fraer, Alan Polk, Donna Sasscer, Michael Sirk, Joseph Wood, Bruce Young

## 3. PRESENTATION

A. None.

## 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## A. Farmers Markets

Subcommittee membership includes Joe Wood, Phil Langley, Scott Bacon, and Phil Dorsey.

The Barns at New Market Seasonal Building will open April 1, Monday - Saturday from 9 am until 4 pm. The Winter Market in the Value-Added Building will be open on Saturdays until March 25 from 10am until 2 pm. There will also be a Sunday Market in the Value-Added Building beginning April 16, the hours will be noon until 4 pm.

The Home Grown Farm Market is open Saturdays from 9 am until 1 pm year round (closed for Christmas and New Years).

The California Farmers Markets will open on Saturdays from 9 am until 1 pm starting April 29.

## B. Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board

Subcommittee membership includes Phil Langley, Alan Polk, Stephen Reeves, Michael Sirk, and Joseph Wood.

The Subcommittee met at the conclusion of the Board meeting and approved the following requests

Unrestricted Lot (MALPF File #18-04-02-14) - Motion by Joseph Wood, second by Stephen Reeves.

Farm Solar Project (MALPF File # 18-07-00-03a) - Motion by Stephen Reeves, second by Alan Polk.

Child Lot Request relocation of approved lot (MALPF File # 18-20-10) - Motion by Alan Polk, second by Joseph Wood.

## C. Agriculture Reconciliation Committee

Subcommittee membership include Bonnie Browne, Phil Dorsey, Charles Mattingly, Alan Polk, and Steve Reeves.

No update.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

## A. Seafood/Aquaculture Updates

Donna Sasscer stated the Potomac River Fisheries Commission was meeting today with no regulation changes announced to date.

## B. The Barns at New Market

Donna Sasscer updated the Board that the County is working with RC&D to update the parking between the seasonal and value-added buildings.

C. Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)

Donna Sasscer informed the Board that FY23 offers have been made. Her office is in the process of accepting FY24 applications now.

D. Rural Legacy

Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT) – Viv Marek introduced Abby Greenwell who will be the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust Conservation Manager.

Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) – Caroline King introduced Jessica McGinsley who will be the new Land Conservation Program Assistant for RC&D.

E. Regional Agriculture Center (RAC)

Susan McQuilkin shared that the pre-construction plans are complete and have been submitted for review to Craig Sewell who is the SMADC Project Manager. The Project is expected to be sent to bid for a meat processing area and an unfinished shell for the remainder of the building with an option to be finished at a later time.

F. Lothian Grain Elevator - Ben Beale stated that Anne Arundel County is planning to purchase the facility and will work with the State of Maryland and Senator Cardin to secure State and Federal funds.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Election of Officers

I move to elect Stephen Reeves as Chairman of the Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board. Motion by Phil Dorsey, Second by Scott Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Stephen Reeves, Scott Bacon, Ben Beale, Bonnie Browne, Phil Dorsey, Kaitlyn Fraer, Alan Polk, Donna Sasscer, Michael Sirk, Joseph Wood, Bruce Young

I move to elect Scott Bacon as the Vice Chairman of the Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board. Motion by Kaitlyn Fraer, Second by Bruce Young.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Stephen Reeves, Scott Bacon, Ben Beale, Bonnie Browne, Phil Dorsey, Kaitlyn Fraer, Alan Polk, Donna Sasscer, Michael Sirk, Joseph Wood, Bruce Young

### B. Board Member Open Comment Period

Alan Polk would like to see a section for Forestry added under Old Business.

Ben Beale told the Board of Maryland Department of Agriculture's expansion of the quarantine zone for the spotted lantern fly. This will affect moving plants, lumber and timber.

### C. Partner Updates

No update.

## 7. ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the March 9, 2023 Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board Meeting. Motion by Alan Polk, second by Kaitlyn Fraer

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Stephen Reeves, Scott Bacon, Ben Beale, Bonnie Browne, Phil Dorsey, Kaitlyn Fraer, Alan Polk, Donna Sasscer, Michael Sirk, Joseph Wood, Bruce Young