

WARREN COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Department of Land Preservation

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AGENDA

March 18, 2010

7:30 PM

In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting has been given by forwarding a notice of the date, time and location of the meeting to the Warren County Clerk, THE DAILY RECORD, THE STAR LEDGER, and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the hall of the Warren County Courthouse and the Department of Land Preservation. In order to assure full public participation, those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should submit any requests for special accommodations one week in advance of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Meeting of February 18, 2010

Public Input: Non-Agenda Items

Correspondence:

- February 22, 2010 letter re: Open Space & Farmland Tax
- February 24, 2010 letter re: BPU Rules on Vegetation Height Beneath Transmission Lines
- March 3, 2010 letter re: Demeter Farm #1
- March 3, 2010 letter re: Mike King vs. Harmony Land Use Board et al.

Old Business:

- Smith/Rasa Farm update
- Hillyerd Farm/Meyers butchering/processing facility
- Support of Dual Appraisal Letter & Resolution

New Business:

- Resolution #10-03, Buchman Farm, Knowlton Twp., BL 48 L 23, 61.5 acres
- Resolution # 10-04, Linz Farm, Frelinghuysen Twp., BL 1803 L 12, 121 acres

Administrator's Report

Public Input

Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes March 18, 2010

The regular monthly meeting was held at the office of the Department of Land Preservation, 500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, Oxford, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schnetzer at 7:30 p.m. An announcement was read as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21. Mr. Lavery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: George Baldwin, Lou Baduini, Joe Gourniak, Sam Race, Joel Schnetzer, Mike Toretta

Members absent: Frank Gibbs

Others present: R. Resker, T. Kaminski, S. Beall, Staff; Katrina Campbell substituting for Michael Lavery, Special County Counsel.

Minutes of the regular session meeting held on February 18, 2010 were approved on a motion by Mr. Race and seconded by Mr. Baldwin. Motion carried.

Public Input (Non-agenda Items): None

Correspondence: Ms. Campbell explained there is a conflict of interest because she is Harmony's attorney that Mr. Keiling would be serving as conflict counselor regarding Mike King vs. Harmony Township Land Use Board (Jansen).

Old Business

Dual Appraisal Resolution and Letter – On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Race the Board approved the Dual Appraisal Resolution drafted by Ms. Campbell. Mr. Lavery to write a letter to go along with the Resolution that will come from the Board to be sent to the State Legislatures, The Board of Chosen Freeholders, Municipalities, and the SADC.

Smith/Rasa Farm – Ms. Campbell stated that they are still waiting for the new principal of the property to sign the corrective deeds. Mr. Resker said that the DEP is not going to put an easement on the place where the property was in violation.

Hillyerd Farm/Meyers butchering/processing facility – Ms. Campbell stated that SADC isn't going to take a position on this matter. Mr. Baduini made a motion seconded by Mr. Gourniak to make a motion to have counsel write a letter to Mr. Meyers stating that his projected proposal of his project would not meet the criteria set forth by the SADC for a preserved farm based upon the scope of the operation and the size of the property. Motion passes.

Gurba - SADC wants \$15,000 or 60% of what was paid per acre on the exception area that was originally excluded from the deed of easement.

New Business

Buchman Resolution 10-03 – On a motion by Mr. Race and seconded by Mr. Baldwin to approve the resolution. Motion carries.

Linz Resolution 10-04 – On a motion by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mr. Baduini to approve the resolution. Motion carries.

Chairman Schnetzer brought up the purchase of the Sigler Farm by NJCF. It will be going to auction. The price per acre was \$20,000 even though the CMV was \$8,000/acre. They had to get another appraisal because the market dropped and it is now appraised at \$6,000/acre. Chairman Schnetzer stated that taxpayer money was used for speculation in this case.

Chairman Schnetzer said that at the Farm Bureau Dinner Meeting that they unanimously thought lowering the open space tax by one penny was a bad move.

Administrator's Report:

The Board members reviewed the administrator's report and Mr. Resker went over important matters.

Mr. Resker stated that Land Preservation was offered \$100,000+ in grant money from the FFRP to preserve another farm for a June 30th closing and mentioned the Prant Farm to the Board Members. On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Toretta the Board approved to have Mr. Resker pursue with FFRP for the money to preserved another farm.

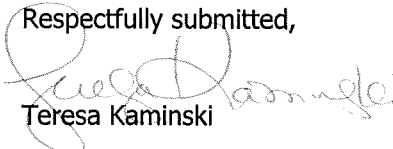
Mr. Resker informed the Board that Hillary Barile of the SADC will be standardizing the monitoring of preserved farms in NJ.

Schanzlin - Mr. Schanzlin has requested relief from any liability on the trail easement. SADC isn't willing to accept that. If this cannot be resolved, it is recommended by Ms. Campbell thought that we abandon the trail easement and get the money back from Mr. Schanzlin.

Public Input: None

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Race, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Chairman Schnetzer adjourned the meeting 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kaminski