

WARREN COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Department of Land Preservation

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AGENDA

September 16, 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 August 19, 2010
Executive Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2010

Public Input: Non-Agenda Items

Correspondence:

- August 24, 2010 SADC letter re Right-to-Farm Protection for Solar and Wind Energy Generation
- August 26, 2010 SADC letter re Farmland Preservation Program Funding Allocations for FY 2011
- August 30, 2010 SADC letter re FY 2012 PIG Annual Submission
- August 31, 2010 NJFB Comments on Guidance of Deed of Easement Interpretation
- September 3, 2010 SADC letter re withdrawn Shen Farmland Application

Old Business:

- Raub Report

New Business:

- Martin Farmland Application

Administrator's Report

Public Input

Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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**Meeting Minutes
September 16, 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 Vice Chairman Race at 7:35 p.m. An announcement was read as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21. Vice Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: George Baldwin, Lou Baduini, Frank Gibbs, Joe Gourniak, Sam Race, Joel Schnetzer,

Members absent: Mike Toretta

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

Chairman Schnetzer took over the meeting.

Minutes of the regular session meeting held on August 19, 2010 were approved on a motion by Mr. Baduini and seconded by Mr. Baldwin. Mr. Gibbs abstained. Motion carries.

Executive Minutes of the meeting held on August 19, 2010 were approved on a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Baduini, and Mr. Gibbs abstained. Motion carries.

Public Input (Non-agenda Items): None

Correspondence: Noted

Old Business

Raub Report

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Race the Board went into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss the Raub case.

On a motion by Mr. Race and seconded by Mr. Baldwin the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. where pending litigation matters in the Raub case were discussed as stated by Mr. Lavery.

Please be noted that Mr. Lavery has a conflict with this case and was just delivering Mr. Keiling's report to the Board.

New Business

Martin Farm – White Township

Mr. Resker was seeking approval from this board to get a wavier of minimum score for this farm. Although this farm falls short in ranking by less than two points below the minimum score, Mr. Resker feels this farm is worthy of being preserved because this farm has been in the family for 150 years and this farm is currently being farmed by the Martins.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Gourniak, the Board approves the motion to seek approval to waive the minimum score based upon the dedication of the family to farming.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Resker briefly went over the important matters on the report.

Mr. Lavery stated that they were close to settling the Rasa issue. DEP has filed an amended ACO.

Wattles – almost close to getting cost share.

Singley – The Board agreed to pull out of the offer by December 1, 2010 if sellers continue to be non-compliant.

Mr. Resker reminded the committee of the 20,000 acres celebration at the Demeter #3 farm in White Township on September 27, 2010.

Millburn – still waiting for NJ Conservation Foundation to secure federal funding. The Board is still stalled on its decision about appraisals, will vote again at a later date.

Public Input: None

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Baduini and seconded by Mr. Baldwin, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Chairman Schnetzer adjourned the meeting 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Teresa Kaminski