



**PASSAIC COUNTY AGRICULTURE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 11th, 2023
WebEx Meeting**

Chair Bartlett opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and read the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Skip Bartlett, Chair; Rocky Hazelman, Commissioner; Michael Eelman, Commissioner; Dr. Timothy Feeney, Commissioner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: - Janet Rekesius, Soil Conservation District of Hudson, Essex, & Passaic; Cindy Roberts, State Agriculture Development Committee

STAFF PRESENT: John Pogorelec, County Counsel; Andras Holzmann, Planning Director; Salvatore Presti, Agriculture Development Coordinator

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 18th, 2023 was made by Commissioner Feeney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eelman. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chair Bartlett opened the meeting to the public questions and comments and asked if there were any members of the public who wished to be heard. No members of the public were present. Seeing no members of the public present, Chair Bartlett closed the meeting to public questions and comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Klipphouse SSAMP

County Counsel Pogorelec reiterated to the board that at the last meeting a Jurisdictional Determination hearing for a Site-Specific Agriculture Management Practice (SSAMP) was held for the application in the matter of J. Klipphouse, the applicant. After a review of the requirements for Right to Farm Act protections, and the exhibits provided by both J. Klipphouse and the Borough of Bloomingdale, County Counsel Pogorelec recommended that the application be denied. Chairman Bartlett reiterated the reasoning behind the decision to the applicant, and advised that he work with the Borough of Bloomingdale. Jay Klipphouse, the applicant, explained the materials he had provided to John Pogorelec.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hazelman to deny the SSAMP application as advised by county counsel. Commissioner Feeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the SSAMP application was denied.

2024 Meeting Schedule

Agriculture Development Coordinator Presti presented a meeting schedule for 2024 for consideration by the board. The proposed dates for 2024 are: March 18th, June 17th, September 16th, and December 16th. The board unanimously accepted the proposed meeting dates.

2024 Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Feeney nominated Commissioner Hazelman as Chair for 2024. Commissioner Hazelman nominated Commissioner Feeney as Vice Chair for 2024. Both commissioners accepted their

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nominations. The board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Hazelman as Chair for 2024 and Commissioner Feeney as Vice Chair for 2024.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

OPEN DISCUSSION – none.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Feeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM that was seconded by Commissioner Eelman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



SALVATORE PRESTI