



**PASSAIC COUNTY AGRICULTURE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 18th, 2024
WebEx Meeting**

Chair Hazelman opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and read the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rocky Hazelman, Chair; Dr. Timothy Feeney, Vice Chair; Michael Eelman, Commissioner; Skip Bartlett, 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; Marc Seemon, Deputy County Administrator; Andras Holzmann, Planning Director; Salvatore Presti, Agriculture Development Coordinator

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 11th, 2023 was made by Commissioner Bartlett. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Feeney. 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

Bove SSAMP

County Counsel Pogorelec explained the submitted SSAMP request for Bove Farm, and the information that the applicant needs to provide. He stated that the applicant would need to provide the necessary materials to move to a jurisdictional determination meeting, at which point it would be determined if the applicant has met the requirements to be heard by the Board.

Klipphouse SSAMP

County Counsel Pogorelec reported to the board that after the exhibit submission period granted to the applicant in the Klipphouse SSAMP request, no materials were provided. As such, he asked for a motion to adopt the resolution jurisdictionally denying the SSAMP request based on lack of evidence provided to meet the zoning and income requirements for an SSAMP hearing. Commissioner Bartlett made a motion to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Vice Chair Feeney. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Cindy Roberts provided the following updates from the State Agriculture Development Committee:

- The Soil Protection Standards public comment periods has closed and held a special hearing to review the public comments. The subcommittee made recommendations to make substantial changes to the standards following public comments, which will require another 60 day public comment period.

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- Governor Murphy signed a law that adjusts the statewide appraisal formula.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Feeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM that was seconded by Commissioner Eelman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



SALVATORE PRESTI