



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING

Department of Development Review & Planning

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Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes of Monday, July 22nd, 2019

Approved 9/23/2019

Members Present: Dick Bittner, Vice Chair; Andrew Toms, Eric Troxell

Members Absent: Samuel Tressler III, Chair; Paul Spurrier

Staff Present: Anne Bradley, Program Administrator; Shannon O'Neil, Planner I

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bittner at 7:04 p.m. Vice Chair Bittner noted that there was a quorum present.

I. Minutes

A. Minutes from June 24, 2019

Staff presented the minutes from the June 24, 2019 meeting for approval. Mr. Troxell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Toms seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote: **Yea 3** **Nay 0** **Absent 2**

II. IPP

A. Williams (#05-36) Unrestricted Lot Request

Staff presented a request from Judy Williams for a 2-acre unrestricted lot on her 249.76-acre IPP easement. Two lot options were presented for approval, a first choice and second choice in case the first choice lot does not meet sight distance requirements. Mrs. Williams and her husband Franklin are the original grantors of the easement. There are currently 4 dwellings on the property.

Mr. Toms made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to approve the first choice lot option, and if that is not feasible, the second choice lot option. Mr. Troxell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote: **Yea 3** **Nay 0** **Absent 2**

III. MALPF

A. Moser (#10-22-01-12) Dwelling Relocation Request

Staff presented a request from Laurie Moser to relocate an existing residence on her 145-acre MALPF easement property. There is one pre-existing dwelling.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to approve the request to relocate the pre-existing dwelling. Mr. Toms seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote: Yea 3 Nay 0 Absent 2

IV. Program Status Reports

A. IPP

Staff reported that interest rates for the 20 year bonds have dropped. Staff noted that we went to settlement on a 300-acre farm, but that one farm backed out because of the low interest rates. Additionally, staff noted that the next IPP application deadline is 9/1.

B. MARBIDCO Next Generation

Staff reported that the next deadline for the Next Generation program is July 31, 2019. We have 3 possible applicants.

C. CREP

Staff reported that the Soil Conservation District has been on hold issuing new CREP contracts since the new Farm Bill was adopted. However, they are starting to renew existing contracts.

D. Joint Meeting with Forestry Board

Staff reported that we are trying to arrange a joint meeting between the Ag Board and Forestry Board for September.

Vice Chair Bittner adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.