



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

Steven C. Horn, Division Director

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes of Monday May 23, 2022

Approved 6/27/2022

WebEx Meeting

Members Present: Samuel Tressler, III, Chair; Dick Bittner, and Eric Troxell

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tressler at 7:16 p.m. Andrew Toms joined at 7:28pm

Staff Present: Shannon O'Neil, Planner II; Beth Ahalt, Planner I

I. Minutes

A. Minutes from April 25, 2022

Staff presented minutes from 04/25/2022 for review and approval.

Vice Chair Bittner made a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2022. Eric Troxell seconded the motion.

3 Yay

0 Nay

2 Absent

II. IPP

A. Fornwald Unrestricted Lot Request

Shannon O'Neil presented the request from Douglas and Laura Fornwald to have a 2-acre maximum un-restricted lot on their IPP easement. The contract purchasers of the farm property would like to utilize this lot. Staff recommended approval.

Eric Troxell made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Dick Bittner seconded the motion.

3 Yay

0 Nay

2 Absent

B. Iqbal Primary Dwelling Request

Beth Ahalt presented a request from contract purchasers of the Iqbal farm for a primary dwelling. At this time, there is no primary dwelling on the farm, however the original grantors reserved the right to build a primary dwelling on the farm. Staff recommended approval of the primary dwelling location.

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Dick Bittner made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Eric Troxell seconded the motion.

3 Yay

0 Nay

2 Absent

III. Program Status Reports

- A. MALPF- Shannon O'Neil reported that we are processing the 16 applications that were approved last month and we have a Planning Commission date of June 8th to have those applications reviewed.
- B. IPP- Shannon O'Neil reported that we settled on 280 acres last week in the IPP program, and that we are hoping to extend more offers to applicants in the FY 22 cycle.
- C. Critical Farms- Shannon O'Neil stated that we are currently accepting applications and this program has a deadline of June 1st, 2022.
- D. MARBIDCO Next Gen.- Shannon O'Neil stated that there is still a lot of interest in this program, and we just submitted an application to MARBIDCO for the SANG program last week.
- E. Rural Legacy- Shannon O'Neil stated that we are working with landowners to get to settlement that received funding for this past cycle.
- F. CREP- Shannon O'Neil stated that we are close to settlement for 3 properties.
- G. Inspections Update- Beth Ahalt reported that we have completed all the necessary inspection requirements that have a deadline of June 30th, 2022.
- H. Inspection Violations- Beth Ahalt stated that we are working with the Zoning department for a CREP violation and that we have a meeting with Katie Stevens and Zoning this week to address those issues. Dick Bittner asked if we have received LLC or business documentation from the England/Summers violation, and Beth stated that we have not at this time.
- I. Open Meetings Act Requirements Beth Ahalt reminded Sam Tressler and Dick Bittner that the Open Meeting Acts Training is due by June 1st and to provide a copy of the completed certification to Joyce Grossnickle.

Chair Tressler called to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Bittner and seconded by Eric Troxell.

4 Yay

0 Nay

1 Absent