



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

Steven C. Horn, *Division Director*

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes of Monday, August 22, 2022

Approved 9/26/2022

Winchester Hall - Second Floor, Winchester Room

Members Present: Samuel Tressler, III, Chair; Dick Bittner, Vice Chair; and Eric Troxell
The meeting was called to order by Chair Tressler at 7:01 p.m.

Staff Present: Shannon O'Neil, Planner II

I. Minutes

A. Minutes from July 25, 2022

Staff presented minutes from 07/25/2022 for review and approval. The Board had no additions or corrections. A quorum was not present so no vote was taken.

II. MALPF

A. Frey Incinerator Request

Staff presented a request from Mr. Josh Frey for preliminary approval of a conceptual plan to install an animal byproduct incinerator on his property. With the cessation of Valley Protein's animal byproduct services, local butchers, livestock and poultry operations are in need of a local option to dispose of their unused byproducts. Mr. Frey would like to step in and fill this need by operating an animal byproduct incinerator on his property. Board and staff felt that the proposed conceptual plan meets MALPF guidelines.

Vice Chair Bittner made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to approve the conceptual plan for an animal byproduct incinerator on the Frey property. Mr. Troxell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one Board member absent.

3 Yay

0 Nay

1 Absent

B. Rosebush Distillery and Tasting Room Request

Staff presented a request from the Rosebush's to get retroactive approval of a distillery and approval of a tasting room to support the distillery. During the meeting, the applicant also requested approval for 3 ag-related events at the distillery. Staff and Board felt that Rosie Cheeks Distillery, tasting room, and events meets all of MALPF's requirements.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to accept staff's recommendation and approve the distillery, tasting room, and events on the Rosebush MALPF easement property.

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Vice Chair Bittner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one Board member absent.

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0 Nay

1 Absent

III. Program Status Reports

- A. MALPF- Staff reported that MALPF is currently reviewing the 16 applications approved at the 8/16 Public Hearing and will soon order appraisals.
- B. IPP- Staff reported that we have a September 1 application deadline and we have already received applications from several new farms who have not applied before. 1 property has gone to settlement recently in this program.
- C. MARBIDCO Next Gen.- Staff stated that there is still a lot of interest in this program.
- D. Rural Legacy- Staff stated that 3 properties have accepted offers in this program and hope to settle in early 2023.
- E. CREP- Staff stated that we are close to settlement for 2 properties, but waiting on the state's attorney. 1 property has gone to settlement recently in this program.
- F. Inspections Update- Staff reported that Beth Ahalt will be completing inspections for all programs this fall through spring in order to meet the various program requirements.
- G. Inspection Violations- Staff stated that there are no new updates.

Chair Tressler called to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.