



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING

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Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes of Monday, November 7, 2022

APPROVED 1/23/2023

Winchester Hall - Second Floor, Winchester Room

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tressler at 7:00 p.m.

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

I. Minutes

A. Minutes from September 26, 2022

Staff presented minutes from 09/26/2022 for review and approval. The Board had no additions or corrections.

A motion was made by Mr. Troxell to approve the minutes from September 26, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Dick Bittner. The motion was approved unanimously.

4 Yay

0 Nay

0 Abstain

II. Ag Board Applicants

A. Sandra Tucker Application

Staff presented an application from Ms. Sandra Tucker to join the Frederick County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

Mr. Toms made a motion to approve Ms. Sandra Tucker's application to join the Frederick County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Eric Troxell. The motion was approved unanimously.

4 Yay

0 Nay

0 Absent

III. Program Status Update

A. MALPF- Staff reported that the FY 21 cycle is now closed because the last landowner went to settlement.. Staff is working on getting FY 22 landowners that accepted an offer to settlement in that program. MALPF has hired two

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appraisers and is currently appraising the 16 applications that applied in the FY 23 cycle.

- B. IPP- Staff reported that we had a September 1 application deadline and the Agriculture Preservation Advisory Board chose to have 23 of the 40 applications reviewed by the Planning Commission and the County Council. Staff took the 23 applications to the Planning Commission on November 16, 2022 and the Planning Commission found that all of the applications aligned with the County's comprehensive plan. A County Council public hearing is planned for December 20, 2022.
- C. Rural Legacy: Staff stated that 3 properties have accepted offers and hope to settle in early 2023. Also, staff is awaiting to hear the total grant amount that Frederick County will receive under this program.
- D. MARBIDCO NEXT GENERATION- Staff stated that there is still a lot of interest in this program.
- E. CREP- Staff stated that there is still a lot of interest in this program and that it pays around \$5,500 per acre. Staff reported that there are several landowners that are working toward a CREP easement.
- F. Inspections Update- Staff reported that inspections are continuing and Rural Legacy and CREP programs have changed their inspection deadlines.
- G. Inspection Violations- Staff stated that there are no new updates.

Chair Tressler called to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 7:15 pm.