



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

Steven C. Horn, Division Director

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes of Monday, July 25, 2022

Approved 9/26/2022

Winchester Hall - Second Floor, Winchester Room

Members Present: Samuel Tressler, III, Chair; Dick Bittner, Vice Chair; and Andrew Toms
The meeting was called to order by Chair Tressler at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Present: Shannon O'Neil, Planner II

I. Minutes

A. Minutes from June 27, 2022

Staff presented minutes from 06/27/2022 for review and approval.

Vice Chair Bittner made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2022. Mr. Toms seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one Board member absent.

3 Yay 0 Nay 1 Absent

II. MALPF

A. Wood Solar Array Request

Staff presented a request from Mr. Nick Wood to install a less than 1,000sqft solar array on his farm to power the farm and his adjacent home. Staff recommend approval.

Mr. Toms made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to approve the solar array proposal on the Wood farm. Vice Chair Bittner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one Board member absent.

3 Yay 0 Nay 1 Absent

B. Frey Stream Overlay Easement Request

Staff presented a request from Mr. Josh Frey to allow a 47-acre stream easement overlay on his MALPF easement property. The Board and a representative of the company who would do the work and hold the overlay easement, Stacy Schaefer from RES, discussed the project specifics, including priority funding areas where the generated credits may be used. Overall, the Board felt that the large easement overlay would have minimal impact on the farm operation because it is nearly all within existing floodplain and would correct existing issues. Staff recommended approval.



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Vice Chair Bittner made a motion to accept staff's recommendation and approve the 47-acre stream easement overlay on the Josh Frey MALPF easement property. The motion was approved unanimously with one Board member absent.

3 Yay

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1 Absent

III. Program Status Reports

- A. MALPF- Shannon O'Neil reported that we have a Public Hearing date of August 16th to have the FY23 MALPF applications reviewed.
- B. IPP- Shannon O'Neil reported that we have a September 1 application deadline.
- C. MARBIDCO Next Gen.- Shannon O'Neil stated that there is still a lot of interest in this program.
- D. Rural Legacy- Shannon O'Neil stated that we are working with landowners to get to settlement that received funding for this past cycle.
- E. CREP- Shannon O'Neil stated that we are close to settlement for 3 properties, but waiting on the state's attorney.
- F. Inspections Update- Shannon O'Neil reported that all inspection requirements were met for FY22.
- G. Inspection Violations- Shannon O'Neil stated that we are working with the Zoning department on the outstanding violations.

Chair Tressler called to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Bittner and seconded by Mr. Toms.

3 Yay

0 Nay

1 Absent