



# FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING**  
Department of Planning

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## **Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board**

**Minutes of Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Approved October 22, 2018**

**Members Present:** Richard Grossnickle, Chair; Samuel Tressler III, Vice Chair; Dick Bittner, Paul Spurrier, and Eric Troxell

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

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

### **I. Minutes**

#### **A. Minutes from August 27, 2018**

Anne Bradley presented the minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting for approval. Mr. Spurrier made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bittner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Vote:            Yea 5            Nay 0            Abstain 0**

### **II. IPP**

#### **A. Request to Remove Bidding Process**

Anne Bradley presented a request to remove bidding from the Installment Purchase Program process. The Board reviewed the savings since bidding was established and agreed that it is not helping the County to purchase more easements. They also felt that the removal of bidding will ensure that the County is purchasing easements on the best, highest ranking, farms and will help make the process quicker.

Mr. Bittner made a motion to approve the removal of bidding from the IPP process. Vice Chair Tressler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Vote:            Yea 5            Nay 0            Abstain 0**

### **III. MALPF**

#### **A. Water Resources Overlay Easement Proposed Policy**

Anne Bradley presented a draft MALPF Water Resources Overlay Easement policy for discussion. Anne reported that County Office of Sustainability and

Environmental Resources staff reviewed and commented on this draft. The Board expressed support for staff's comments and recommended that a similar policy be drafted for County IPP easements with input from the local Soil Conservation District.

**IV. Program Status Reports**

A. MALPF

Staff provided an update on the status of the Wedding/Event Venue Review Criteria currently under review by the County Executive. Staff also reported that the FY19 MALPF easement candidates are currently being appraised.

B. IPP

Staff reported that the final settlements for the FY17 cycle are to take place in October and that 22 applications were received for the FY2019 IPP cycle.

C. Critical Farms

Staff reported that the next cycle will likely be Spring of 2019, after paybacks for the FY19 MALPF cycle are received.

D. MARBIDCO Next Generation

Staff reported that the County submitted 1 application for the July Next Generation cycle and it is still under review by MARBIDCO. Staff also reported that there will be a mini-cycle in November.

E. Rural Legacy

Staff reported that two offers have already been made and accepted for the FY19 grant round.

F. CREP

Staff reported that the Doody CREP Easement will settle later this week, bringing the total acres preserved in the County over 60,000.

G. Other Violation Updates

Staff reported that the violation on the Anthony MALPF easement property continues, but is on the road to compliance.

Chair Grossnickle adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.