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Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
February 7th, 2023

Opening

The meeting of the Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00pm on February 7th, 2023 at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

Board Attendees

Jeff Holloway, Jaclyn Smithson, Megan McMillian, Jim Morris and John Stump

Staff: Bill Amoss

Approval of Minutes

Megan McMillian moved to approve minutes from the December 2022 meeting with Jim Morris. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

- The Board reviewed a county road overlay easement request from County DPW for a bridge replacement project (H-0043) at Grier Nursery Road from Betty Grier property (MALPF easement) and Louise Grier (Rural Legacy easement). Board reviewed site plan drawing submitted per limit of work and what will be temporary versus permanent overlay request. Jim Morris moved to approve the request. Megan McMillian seconded. The motion passed.
- The Board reviewed a request from contract purchasers of Priestford Penn LLC parcel located at 801 Priestford road at the intersection of Harmony Church Road, across from Indian Springs and along Deer Creek. The board reviewed the proposed home location and future access as required by the program and agreed the proposal seems like the best location to limit impact to the Ag operation. Jeff Holloway made a motion to approve the requested location, and Jaclyn Smithson seconded. The motion passed.
- The Board reviewed a request for a child's lot from the Keyes family for their daughter Megan McMillian on their MALPF easement farm in Aldino. Successful perc tests were shown and location of lot with access and the location is the least impact to the farming operation. Jim Morris made a motion to approve the request and Jeff Holloway seconded. The motion passed with Megan McMillian obtaining.

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- The Board reviewed a boundary line adjustment request from Jamie Reeves to sell off a portion of land that is separate from his home farm due to bisection of Holy Cross Road which will be required to be joined with Bodasa farm (purchaser and formerly known as Jarrettsville Nursery) and both farms are under a county easement. Currently it is already being used for parking for Bodasa Farm for their Christmas tree season and will help the operation in purchasing this additional land. Jeff Holloway moved to approve the request. John Stump seconded. The motion passed.
- The board reviewed a request from Jamie Reeves to take a previous approved owner's lot (lot# 3 created for the late Norma Reeves, Jamie's mom) with a home already built on it and absorb it back into the original parcel it came from (County easement). Both the lot and the larger farm parcel is owned by Jamie and the existing small home on the larger parcel will then be treated as a tenant home. Board felt the elimination of a lot is a good step and Jim Morris moved to approve the request. Jeff Holloway seconded. The motion passed.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the status of MALPF 2021 offers, with one remaining for settlement (Crouse), FY2022 easements are getting close to start some settlements, and we are waiting for FY2023 offers to come out in March.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the County program progress on forwarding legislation on February 21st for the next 12 farms on the ranked list to the County Council for approval. Public hearing date should be March 21st at 6:30pm at the CC chambers all are invited to give support. The Administration would like us to proceed in working with the community and County Council in developing a draft of program changes to address concerns various groups have had over the years. We are planning to have an outreach bd meeting next month to hear from the community on program changes that might be proposed, and we also will reach out to other boards and groups to attend their meetings as well.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the Rural Legacy Program that Jenn Wilson was meeting with landowners on committing the newly awarded funds for easement purchases. Majors and Shrodes properties were working toward approvals and settlement.

Adjournment