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## Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes August 1, 2023

#### Opening

The meeting of the Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00pm on August 1, 2023 at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

#### Board Attendees

Jim Morris, Jackie Smithson and John Stump

Jeff Holloway and Megan McMillian were unable to attend.

Staff: Bill Amoss & Jen Wilson

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morris moved to approve minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting with Ms. Smithson seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### New Business

- The Board reviewed the fourteen (14) MALPF applications and assigned points for the purpose of ranking the applications, as required by MALPF. Points were awarded as follows:

Rank	Name	Board Points- contribute to ag	Board Points- special condition	Ranking Score
1	Winesett	10	10	228.99
2	Richardson/Foard	10	10	208.46
3	Filburn	5	10	200.97
4	Troyer	10	10	196.47
5	Lomax	10	10	195.89
6	Bethel Church	5	10	180.75
7	Brandenburg	5	10	173.42
8	Mulligan	5	5	147.39
9	Glackin- (Ruffs Mill)	10	10	147.38
10	Haifley	5	10	138.95
11	Fielder family	5	10	131.48
12	Glackin-(Flintville)	5	10	128.5
13	Dougherty	10	10	124.26
14	Bandy	5	5	87.31

- The Board discussed possible attendance and participation in Harford Land Trust's upcoming Party to Preserve event as an opportunity to highlight all the farms that have been preserved over the last year and agreed not to recognize any individuals.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on settlements in the MALPF program. Dallam's was settled earlier in the summer and the Crouse baseline inspection has been completed. Others are continuing to work through the survey requirements.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the County Program. Smith, Taylor, Schleupner, Stark/Mull are getting close to settlement. Meetings are also being scheduled with County Council Members to discuss the possible changes to the program.
- Ms. Wilson updated the Board on the Rural Legacy Program. Discussions have occurred with several landowners, but none are moving forward yet. Staff are continuing to look for high-quality candidates to use the FY23 money.
- In other announcements, Mr. Amoss shared with the Board the upcoming Forever Maryland Conference that will be held in October. He provided the conference planning committee with many ideas on how they could incorporate topics for government administrators. There will be a short opportunity to gather with other Administrators during the conference. MALPF is considering hosting 1-day seminars to fill this gap, but nothing has been decided at this time.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm