

**Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board**  
**Carroll County, Maryland**  
**Official Minutes**  
**January 8, 2025**

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The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 11:03 a.m. The following board members were present: Tom Irwin, Chair, Alice Altstatt, Greg Dell, Phil Snader, J. P. Smith, Jr., Program Manager, Jackie Brathuhn, Preservation Specialist, and Donna L. Black, Office Technician, of the Agricultural Land Preservation Office. Others in attendance Noel S. Manalo, Principal Attorneys from Offit Kurman, Law Office, Stephen Mengia. Mark Savage, Vice Chair was absent.

*Notice of this meeting was posted electronically on the County's website.*

**Call to Order:** Tom Irwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes - meeting minutes of November 6, 2024:** Alice Altstatt made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried unanimously.

**Revisit the request for conceptual consideration anaerobic (methane) digester, Jerry Watts, 6027 Middleburg Road, MALPF Easement.** JP welcomed and introduced Stephen Megnia at Vanguard Renewables and Noel Manalo from Offit Kurman Law Office to the Board. The Board had multiple questions and concerns including trucking of materials in and out, gas storage, proportions of farm waste in relation to trucked in food waste, and additional storage for neighbors contracted to participate in the endeavor. The Board agreed to send an opinion letter to MALPF outlining their reservations regarding this project. The motion was to not recommend the conceptual anaerobic (methane) digester be placed on Agricultural Preserved property by Greg Dell. The motion was seconded by Phil Snader, motion carried unanimously.

**Forest Conservation Board representative, Jamie Weaver, report and discussion -** agenda item was removed and will be rescheduled in the future.

**Closed session:** Greg Dell made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alice Altstatt, motion carried unanimously. The board went into closed session at 12:03 p.m.

**Opening of the Meeting:** Greg Dell made the motion to go out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Phil Snader, motion carried unanimously. The board went out of closed session at 12:11 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

  
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Tom Irwin, Chair