

Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board
Carroll County, Maryland
Official Minutes
May 1, 2024

The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10:58 a.m. The following board members were present: Tom Irwin, Chair, Mark Savage, Vice Chair, Greg Dell, Alice Altstatt, Phil Snader, and Stan Pennington, Alternate. Others in attendance were J. P. Smith, Jr., Program Manager and Jackie Brathuhn Program Specialist of the Agricultural Land Preservation Office. Donna Black, Office Technician, 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 10:58 a.m.

Approval of Minutes - meeting minutes of April 3, 2024: Greg Dell made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mark Savage, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of County Program change to a yearly cycle: JP explained to the board that because of the current budget situation, and he recommended going back to a once-a-year cycle. Farms would then be ranked, and the Board could decide which ones they wanted to approve. Alice Altstatt made the motion to approve the request. Phil Snader seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Jackie gave an update of the Budget; Commissioners have put in the proposed budget to take away the 2.5 million budgeted amount for Ag Pres for the ongoing years. The MALPF Board of Trustees voted to merge the FY25 and FY26 cycles together because of budget issues.

Closed session: Mark Savage made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried. The board went into closed session at 11:25 am.

Opening of the Meeting: Mark Savage made motion to open the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Tom Irwin, Chair