

Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board
Carroll County, Maryland
Official Minutes
November 6,
2024

The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 11:03 a.m. The following board members were present: Tom Irwin, Chair, Mark Savage, Vice Chair, Alice Altstatt, Greg Dell, Phil Snader, Stan Pennington, Alternate, 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 and Ben Cooper from Vanguard Renewables.

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

Call to Order: Tom Irwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes - meeting minutes of October 2, 2024: Alice Altstatt made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell.

Request for conceptual consideration anaerobic (methane) digester, Jerry Watts, 6027 Middleburg Road, MALPF Easement. Jackie welcomed and introduced Noel Manalo from Offit Kurman Law Office to the Board. Noel explained that MALPF may consider the request under an Agriculture Easement and wanted it presented to the Carroll County Agriculture Advisory Board for their consideration first. Phil Snader made a motion to table the discussion until the December meeting, to give the Board time to get more information and discuss options. The motion was seconded by Alice Altstatt, motion carried unanimously.

Request for additional solar panels, Richard Moser, Hoover Mill Road, Manchester, MALPF Easement: Jackie explained the request to the board. This does meet MALPF requirements. Jackie recommended the request for approval. Phil made the motion to approve the request as long as the total electric produced by the combined solar panels will not exceed 125% of the electric used by the Mosers. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried unanimously.

Request for subdivision, Charles Myers, Emory Church Road, Hampstead, MALPF Easement: Jackie explained the request to the board. The board approved subdividing the easement at the already existing parcel lines. Jackie recommended the request for approval. Greg Dell made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mark Savage, motion carried unanimously.

Request for release of an owner's lot to be sold separate, Richard and Charlene Blacksten, 3360 Lowman Lane, MALPF Easement: Jackie explained the request to the board. The owners lot can be release after 5 years of the Blacksten residency. The 5 years is almost over, and the Blackstens would like in writing that the owners lot can now be sold to a new owner. Jackie recommended the request for approval. Mark Savage made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded Greg Dell, motion carried unanimously.

Closed session: Alice Altstatt made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried. The board went into closed session at 11:51 pm.

Opening of the Meeting: Mark Savage motioned to open the meeting at 12:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 4, 2024, followed by the Holiday Luncheon

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Irwin", is written above a horizontal line.

Tom Irwin, Chair