AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICIAL MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2021

The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The following board members were present: Greg Dell, Jerry Russell, Vice Chair, Stan Pennington, Alternate and Alice Altstatt. Others in attendance were J. P. Smith, Jr., Program Manager and Jackie Brathuhn, Preservation Specialist, and Donna L. Black Office Technician of the Agricultural Land Preservation program as well as Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator, Land and Resource Management.

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

Call to Order: Jerry Russell, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes - meeting minutes of July 7, 2021: Greg Dell made a motion to approve the July 7, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Alice Altstatt and carried.

<u>Code revisions</u>: Brenda Dinne gave handouts explaining the changes in the Ag Preservation code that are being discussed. Chapter 150 is now broken down into 3 separate sections, with Ag Preservation being section 159. Changes were general, deleting obsolete text and some minor clarifications within programs. The proposed changes have been posted to the website. Land and Resource Management staff are preparing to present changes to Commissioners in September.

<u>Closed Session: to consider application to the County Program</u>: Statutory authority to have a closed session is to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. The reason for closing is to consider application to the County Program. Alice Altstatt moved to close the meeting at 11:18 a.m. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell and carried. The following members were present during the closed session: Greg Dell, Jerry Russell, Stan Pennington, and Alice Altstatt. Others in attendance were J. P. Smith Jr., Jackie Brathuhn and Donna L. Black.

<u>Opening of the Meeting</u>: Alice Altstatt motioned to open the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell and carried.

Announcements: JP talked about the 4H fair and the Ag Pres banner, Celebrating 75,000 Acres and Growing, being moved around the County prior to the October 16, 2021 celebration.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Jerry Russell, Vice Chair