

**AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2021**

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The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met virtually on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 11:35 a.m. The following board members were present: Greg Dell, Jerry Russell, Chair, Tom Irwin, Vice Chair, Mark Savage and Stan Pennington, Alternate. David Pyle could not attend. Others in attendance were Deborah Bowers, Program Manager, J. P. Smith, Jr., Preservation Specialist and Jackie Brathuhn, Office Technician, of the Agricultural Land Preservation program. Also in attendance were William Harrison and Neil Mulloy.

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

**Call to Order:** Jerry Russell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes - meeting minutes of December 2, 2020:** Tom Irwin motioned to approve the December 2, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Savage and carried.

**Request for lot approval, Father's Care LLC, Rural Legacy Program easement, 260 Bell Road, Westminster:** The lot location is in the corner of the property near other houses and is allowed by the easement. Mark Savage motioned to approve the request, Tom Irwin seconded, motion carried.

**Request for lot location approval, William Harrison property, County easement, 6901 Eden Mill Road, Woodbine:** This lot is the second of three lots allowed by the easement. The first lot is a trailer up by the road and this lot is directly behind it. Mark Savage made the motion to approve the request, Tom Irwin seconded, motion carried.

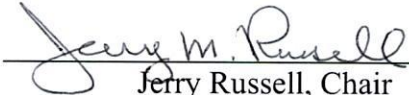
**Land acquisition; to consider an application to the Critical Farms Program:** Statutory authority to have a closed session is to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. The reason for closing is to consider an application to the Critical Farms Program, to consider applications to the Rural Legacy Program and to consider applications to the County Program. Mark Savage moved to close the meeting at 11:43a.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Irwin and carried. The following members were present during the closed session: Greg Dell, Jerry Russell, Tom Irwin, Stan Pennington and Mark Savage. Others in attendance were Deb Bowers, J. P. Smith Jr. and Jackie Brathuhn

**Opening of the Meeting:** Tom Irwin motioned to open the meeting at 11:53 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mark Savage and carried.

**Update on program activity; cost containment, MALPF program:** Deb Bowers updated the Board on our settled properties in calendar year 2020. She informed the Board that our new potential MALPF applications outnumber the County and Rural Legacy programs combined. She

informed the Board the appraisals for the FY21 MALPF cycle are finished and being reviewed. She is concerned that farms with a high number of acres and low number of lot rights will receive offers that are above fair market value per lot right. These circumstances could compromise the county's policy of paying no more than 70% of fair market value. Deb Bowers updated the Board on the upcoming settlements and projects we are working on now.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

  
Jerry Russell, Chair