

**AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2021**

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The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met virtually on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The following board members were present: Greg Dell, Jerry Russell, Chair, Tom Irwin, Vice Chair, and Alice Altstatt. 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 Christopher Heyn, Acting Director of Land and Resource Management as well as Patrick Pitrone and Stephanie Nanton.

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

**Call to Order:** Jerry Russell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes - meeting minutes of March 10, 2021:** Greg Dell motioned to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Irwin and carried.

**Reconsideration of request to construct a schoolhouse (Amish), Henry King property, MALPF easement, 2835 Roop Rd., Taneytown:** At the March 10, 2021 meeting a motion was made to bring this item back at today's meeting. Deb Bowers explained that MALPF policy allows non-agricultural activities and structures so long as they are contained within a one-acre area of the dwelling. Sissy Altstatt motioned to rescind the no vote from the March 10, 2021 meeting, Jerry Russell seconded; the vote was a tie and therefore the motion failed. No further motion was made and there was no discussion.

**Reconsideration of a dwelling relocation, David Johansson property, MALPF easement, 3005 Mayberry Road, Westminster:** Tom Irwin explained how he felt he was misled at the March 10, 2021 meeting by the discussion regarding the access being an already existing road and that perc's could not be done in the area along the road frontage. Tom Irwin made a motion to rescind the yes vote from the March 10, 2021 meeting and Greg Dell seconded, motion carried by a vote of 2 – 1 with the chairman abstaining.

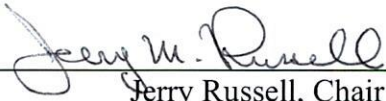
**Closed Session: Land acquisition; to consider an application to the County Program and to consider an application for cost-share using County funds with Rural Legacy funds:**

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 County Program and to consider an application for cost-share using County funds with Rural Legacy funds. Alice Altstatt moved to close the meeting at 11:42 a.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, and Alice Altstatt. Others in attendance were Deb Bowers, J. P. Smith Jr., Jackie Brathuhn, and Christopher Heyn.

**Opening of the Meeting:** Greg Dell motioned to open the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Irwin and carried.

**Announcements:** Deb Bowers announced this to be her last board meeting, as she is retiring at the end of the month. She announced that J.P. Smith would be succeeding her and that Jackie Brathuhn would become the new preservation specialist. A new office technician will be hired.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

  
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Jerry Russell, Chair