## Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board Carroll County, Maryland Official Minutes June 18, 2025

The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 11:00 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, and Jackie Roque, Preservation Specialist of the Agricultural Land Preservation Office.

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

<u>Call to Order</u>: Greg Dell called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Approval of meeting minutes, May 21, 2025: Alice Altstatt made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Phil Snader, motion carried unanimously.

Request to swap off conveyance location, Ryan and Crystal Dorsey, 3313 Bullfrog Road, Taneytown, County easement: JP explained the request to the Board and the location of the current dwelling and the unrestricted lot. Mr. Dorsey has noted that he cannot get insurance for various reasons on his farm with the current dwelling included. They will subdivide off the existing dwelling and add back into the easement the unrestricted lot, leaving the right for a future dwelling on the farm. Alice Altstatt made the motion to approve the request as written. The motion was seconded by Mark Savage, motion carried unanimously.

Request a right-of-way easement overlay, 4 R Generations LLC, Lees Mill Road, Hampstead, MALPF easement: The existing right-of-way serves the neighboring dwelling and is on the easement property. The right-of-way was placed there due to safety/site distance reasons. It is in the woods and will not disrupt farmland. Greg Dell made the motion to approve the request as written. The motion was seconded by Phil Snader, motion carried unanimously.

## **Announcements:**

Jackie gave a brief overview of the FY26 budget to the Board.

JP updated the Board on the Ag Committee meeting. They have been discussing how to designate use throughout the County. There has also been discussion about possibly moving the Priority Preservation Area eastward.

Williamson Legacy Properties, LLC is proposing to rent part of the Juanita Russell farm located at 418 Ridge Road, Westminster. They would like to use the property to teach Ag to inner city people and grow produce to sell in Baltimore City. There would be construction of green houses and using the existing dwelling for offices. A follow-up discussion will be held when more information is available.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

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

Tom Irwin, Chair