AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICIAL MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2021

The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The following board members were present: Tom Irwin, Chair, Jerry Russell, Vice Chair, Alice Altstatt, Greg Dell, Mark Savage, and Stan Pennington, Alternate. Others in attendance were J. P. Smith, Jr., Program Manager, and Jackie Brathuhn, Preservation Specialist, and Donna Black Office Technician, of the Agricultural Land Preservation Office. Also in attendance were Linda Alexander of CLSI and John Hull.

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

Call to Order: Tom Irwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes - meeting minutes of November 4, 2021</u>: Jerry Russell made a motion to approve the November 3, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Savage and carried.

Request for location approval of child lot, John Hull Jr property, MALPF easement, 1078 Sullivan Road, Westminster: J. P. Smith, Jr. explained the request to the board. The owners are requesting an 18 acre parcel be a child lot with one dwelling. This will be a correction of a MALPF error made years ago. MALPF staff is in agreement with the request. The house location is in the back left corner of the property. After a lengthy discussion, the request was broken down in to two motions. Tom Irwin made the first motion to approve the 18 acres as a separately owned parcel under the easement, Greg Dell seconded, motion carried. The second motion was for the house location. Mark Savage made a motioned to approve any location where they can get a perc. Greg Dell seconded, Tom Irwin opposed, motion carried.

<u>Unrestricted lot location approval, Dells Generation Farms LLC property, 3324 Bixler Church Road, Westminster, County easement:</u> J. P. Smith, Jr. explained the request to the board and advised the board that the deed of easement allows one unrestricted lot. Matt Dell selected a wooded lot along Bixler Church Road. Jerry Russell made a motioned to approve the request, Mark Savage seconded, motion carried.

Request for approval to use barn to keep sick animals which are under Dr. Schueler's care as part of his veterinary practice, Ronald Schueler property, 3140 Halter Road, Westminster, MALPF applicant FY21: J. P. Smith, Jr. explained the request to the board, and that the vet clinic (which is excluded from the application) will keep sick animals in the barn for recovery. Mark Savage made a motion to approve the request, Greg Dell seconded, motion carried.

Closed Session: to consider application to the County 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 applications to the County Program. Mark Savage moved to close the meeting at 11:53 a.m. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell and carried. The following members were present during the closed session: Tom Irwin, Chair, Jerry Russell, Vice Chair, Alice Altstatt, Greg Dell, Mark Savage, and Stan Pennington, Alternate. Others in attendance were J. P. Smith Jr., Jackie Brathuhn and Donna L. Black.

Announcements: J. P. Smith, Jr. spoke about remainder properties consideration for preservation. We have received several inquiries about remainder properties. JP handed out a list of questions to the board to review and prepare for discussions, creating criteria, setting parameters, and writing policies for the program.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Tom Irwin, Chair