Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board Carroll County, Maryland Official Minutes January 25, 2023

The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board met on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10:57 a.m. The following board members were present: Tom Irwin, Chair, Mark Savage, Vice Chair, Alice Altstatt, Greg Dell, and Stan Pennington, Alternate. Others in attendance were J. P. Smith, Jr., Program Manager, and Donna L. Black, Office Technician, of the Agricultural Land Preservation Office. Jackie Brathuhn, Preservation Specialist could not attend.

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

Call to Order: Tom Irwin Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

Request for location approval of child lot, and an owner's lot, Bryan Rinehart property, 3825 Ruggles Road, Taneytown, MALPF easement: JP explained the request to the board and reviewed the location for the child lot. The board the discussed the lot location, JP recommended approval of this request. Greg Dell made the motion to approve the location, the motion was seconded by Mark Savage, motion carried. The owner's lot will be discussed at the March meeting, when Mr. Rinehart sends a map with a location.

Request for ground solar location for a property in easement, Henry Shirley, 145 Barnhart Road, Westminster, MALPF easement: JP explained the request to the board and reviewed the location for the solar panels. The board had a few questions regarding the size of the location, JP recommended approval of this request. Mark Savage made the motion to approve the location, the motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried.

Request for ground solar location for a property in easement, Alan & Jacqueline Boswell, 3800 Wine Road, Westminster, MALPF easement: JP explained the request to the board and reviewed the location for the solar panels. The board again questioned the size and the location and wanted to verify it was for personal use only, JP recommended this for approval of this request. Greg Dell made the motion to approve the location, the motion was seconded by Mark Savage, motion carried.

Road, MALPF easement: JP explained the request to the board and reviewed the location of the overlay easement. This can be mowed up to 3 times a year, so can be used for hay crop. Alice asked about the water resource easement and JP reviewed the easement, JP recommended this for approval. Mark Savage made the motion to approve the location, the motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried.

<u>Closed session:</u> - Mark Savage made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Greg Dell, motion carried. The board went into closed session at 11:40 am.

<u>Opening of the Meeting:</u> Greg Dell made a motion to open the meeting at 11:48 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mark Savage, motion carried.

<u>Announcements:</u> JP announced that he was meeting the Board of County Commissioners on January 26, 2023, to request approval for State Re-Certification Report of the Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Tom Irwin, Chair