



## MINUTES

The Kent County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board met on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room. The following members were in attendance: Chair David Hill, Bradley Morris, Tyler Gale, and Ernest "Tot" Strong. Staff in attendance were William Mackey, AICP, Director; Carla Gerber, AICP, Deputy Director; and Campbell Safian, Planning Specialist.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting on June 23, 2022, were approved as written and distributed.

### **AG PRESERVATION DISTRICT APPLICATIONS:**

Ms. Gerber presented the following applications. After discussion, the Board voted on each application and recommended approval of all the applications for Agricultural Preservation Districts. Chair Hill recused himself from the vote on his farm.

22-01 Jack Coleman -- Lambs Meadow Road, Lynch

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Strong. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gale, and the motion passed 4-0.

22-02 Fry Cooper Farm LLC -- 11471 Augustine Herman Hwy, Kennedyville

22-03 Fry Cooper Farm LLC -- 28151 Comegys Road, Kennedyville

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Morris. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strong, and the motion passed 4-0.

22-04 David Hill -- 12192 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Strong. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gale, and the motion passed 4-0.

22-05 Chris Jackman -- 12986 Augustine Herman Hwy, Kennedyville

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Strong. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gale, and the motion passed 4-0.

22-06 Lester C. Jones and Sons, Inc -- 13121 Massey Road, Massey

22-07 Lester C. Jones and Sons, Inc -- Speer Road, Millington

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Strong. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris, and the motion passed 4-0.

22-08 Owings and Sons Business Trust -- 29960 Morgnec Road, Kennedyville, Lots 1 and 2

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Strong. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris, and the motion passed 4-0.

22-09 Rich Levels at Mill Creek LLC -- 32269 Galena Sassafras Road, Galena

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Strong. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris, and the motion passed 4-0.

22-10 Thomas Wiltbank -- 10187 Augustine Herman Hwy, Chestertown

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Strong. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris, and the motion passed 4-0.

**RECERTIFICATION REPORT:**

Ms. Gerber stated one advantage of certification of County Agricultural Land Preservation programs is that the County retains 75% percent of the agricultural transfer tax that is collected. It was noted that the County must finance 9% of the total amount that is collected from other funding sources to agricultural preservation.

Mr. Strong made a motion to send a favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners for the recertification process. Mr. Morris seconded the motion, and the motion passed with all in favor.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Gerber noted that the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board is required to meet annually with the forest conservation district boards. The boards are encouraged to work cooperatively to promote the retention of farmland and woodland in their respective jurisdictions.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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David Hill

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/s/ Campbell Safian  
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