



Kent County Agriculture Preservation Board  
Wednesday, December 1, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Kent County Administration Building – Room 311  
Minutes prepared by  
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### Approved Minutes

**Members Present:** Vice Chair Suzie Reinbold (Real Estate Interest), Secretary/Treasurer Russ Slater (Ag Interest), Ed Robinette (Township Interest), Matt Kallman (County Commissioner)

**Absent:** Chair Dennis Heffron (Ag Interest), Dan Oesch (Ag Interest)

**Vacant:** Conservation Interest

**Staff:** Paul Petr, Matt Channing

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Vice Chair Heffron welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11:37 a.m.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda** – A motion as made by Ed Robinette to approve the November 3, 2021 Agenda. Commissioner Kallman supported. UNANIMOUS
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Commissioner Kallman to approve the December 1, 2021 minutes. Ed Robinette supported. UNANIMOUS
- IV. **Public Comment on Agenda Items** – There was no public comment.
- V. **Agricultural Preservation Board Calendar** – Staff presented a schedule of meetings for 2022. The schedule retains the same timing of meetings: the first Wednesday of every month with no meeting in July. Staff also laid out the timing for the Purchase of Development Rights program.  
  
A motion as made by Ed Robinette to approve the 2022 Calendar. Commissioner Kallman supported. UNANIMOUS
- VI. **State PDR Grant** – Staff informed the Board that Mr. Momber had begun the process of MAEAP verification and therefore would apply to the state grant with Mr. Momber's application. Award announcements are expected at the beginning of spring.

- VII. Agricultural Preservation Board Newsletter** – Staff presented a draft newsletter based on the input from Agricultural Preservation Board members. The Communication Specialist assembled the draft and can use it as a template for future communications. Board members approved of the layout and would like to see other entities contribute to the newsletter as well. All agreed that four times a year was a enough communication.
- VIII. Staff Update** – Staff gave several updates to the Agricultural Preservation Board including attending the Cultivating Connections meeting in Ottawa County, work on master plans around the County, and renewal of MAEAP for another four years. Staff also reported that Board Member Oesch had contacted him prior to the meeting about his in ability to attend.
- IX. General Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- X. Board Member Updates** – Commissioner Kallman informed the Board that this was his last meeting and that another Commissioner would replace him.
- XI. Adjournment** – A motion as made by Ed Robinette to adjourn until next meeting. Commissioner Kallman supported. UNANIMOUS

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

11:30 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

Kent County 3rd floor Rm 311