



Kent County Agriculture Preservation Board
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Zoom

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Dennis Heffron (Ag Interest), Suzie Reinbold (Real Estate Interest), Ed Robinette (Township Interest), Gretchen Mousel (Conservation Interest Representative), Russ Slater (Ag Interest), Dan Oesch (Ag Interest)

Absent: Matt Kallman (County Commissioner)

Staff: Jenny James, Matt Channing, MaryBeth VanTill, Jenn Headrick

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Heffron welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11:31 a.m.
- II. Amend the Agenda – A motion was made by Chair Heffron to amend the agenda so that the speaker could present first. Russ Slater supported. UNANIMOUS
- III. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Vice Chair Reinbold to approve the December 2020 minutes. Russ Slater supported. UNANIMOUS
- IV. There was no public comment.
- V. TDR Update – Suzanne Schulz of Progressive AE presented on the County’s TDR initiative. The presentation laid out a framework for considering how Kent County can grow by choice or by chance.
- VI. PDR 2021 Selection Cycle – Matt Channing presented a comparison between Kent County’s previous selection criteria and the state and federal selection criteria for their respective grants. The Agricultural Preservation Board agreed there should be alignment between what the County asks for and what the grantors request.
- VII. Staff Report – Matt Channing informed the board that they needed to elect new positions. Vice Chair Suzie Reinbold nominated Dennis Heffron to Chair. Dan Oesch supported. Five yes votes, 1 abstain. Dan Oesch nominated Suzie Reinbold to Vice Chair. Ed Robinette supported. Five yes votes, 1 abstain. Ed Robinette nominated Russ Slater to the combined position of Secretary and Treasurer. Suzie Reinbold supported. Five yes votes, 1 abstain.

VIII. Board Member Updates – There were no Board updates.

IX. Adjournment – A motion was made by Russ Slater to adjourn the meeting. Gretchen Mousel supported. UNANIMOUS

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

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

Kent County 3rd floor Rm 311