



Kent County Agriculture Preservation Board

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

775 Ball Ave – Room B

Minutes prepared by

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Approved Minutes

Members Present: Vice Chair Suzie Reinbold (Real Estate Interest), Secretary Jessica Marks (Agricultural Interest), Carolyn Johnson (Conservation Interest), Elizabeth Brost (Agricultural Interest)

Absent: Chair Dennis Heffron (Agricultural Representative), Lisa Oliver-King (County Commissioner), Rob Steffens (Township Representative)

Staff: Mark Rambo, Matt Channing

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – Vice Chair Suzie Reinbold welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11:15 am. Becky Huttenga attended.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** – Secretary Jessica Marks made a motion to approve the June 5, 2024 Agenda. Carolyn Johnson supported the motion. UNANIMOUS.
- 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items** – None
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – Secretary Jessica Marks made a motion to approve the May 1, 2024 minutes. Elizabeth Brost supported the motion. UNANIMOUS.
- 5. Culver's Fundraiser** – Becky Huttenga provided a status update for the fundraiser. Due to concerns at the state of Michigan, the fundraiser leadership decided to forgo the use of live animals for a petting zoo in favor of tractors.
- 6. PDR Status Update** – Staff informed the Agricultural Preservation Board that the Board of Commissioners approved the Hope Church Brethren donation. The Norman Appraisal was about \$2,600 per acre which is \$1,400 lower than estimated. Staff submitted the appraisal to USDA and MDARD for review and the Kruihoff application needs to be reappraised.
- 7. Staff Update** – Staff reported on state legislation that would restore local control on solar siting and federal legislation for the updated Farm Bill.

8. Adjournment – Carolyn Johnson motioned to adjourn until next meeting. Secretary Jessica Marks supported. UNANIMOUS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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