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CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda – May 4, 2022

9:30am-11:30am

Government Services Center 601 Westtown Road, West Chester 19380
VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON

Please click on the link to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/97515636971>

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Actions Items:**
 - A. Introduce new board members
 - B. Approval of the March 2 meeting minutes
- 3. Updates, New Business & Other Business:**
 - A. Communications and Outreach
 - Distinguished Service Award
 - Ag Plan outreach update
 - Farm Guide status
 - B. Municipal Update
 - C. Ag Plan Implementation and Next Steps
 - D. Public Comment
- 4. Next Meeting** – via Zoom or in-person at the Government Services Center and via Zoom, September 7th at 9:30am

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MINUTES: Regular Monthly Meeting
Chester County Agricultural Development Council
March 2, 2022

Hybrid Meeting
Government Services Center Room 270

Council Members present in Person: None

Council Members present via Zoom: Chris Alonzo, Chair; Dr. Barbara Dallap-Schaer; Tim Ferris; Jodi Gauker; Ryan Heenan; Adam Mowery; Bill Schick; Anthony Vietri; Gary Westlake.

Council Members absent: Cynthia Petrone-Hudock

Staff present in Person: Hillary Krummrich; Ann Lane; Brian O'Leary; Suzanne Wozniak.

Visitors present in person: Josh Maxwell, Chester County Commissioner.

Staff present via Zoom: Wes Bruckno.

Visitors present via Zoom: None

Call to Order: In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Ms. Krummrich, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Action Items:

Ag Council Elections:

A motion to nominate Mr. Westlake as Chair was made by Ms. Gauker, seconded by Mr. Ferris, and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

A motion to nominate Ms. Dallap-Schaer as Vice Chair was made by Ms. Gauker, seconded by Mr. Ferris, and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Recommend Ag Plan for Adoption by County Commissioners:

A motion to recommend the Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan for adoption to the Chester County Commissioners was made by Mr. Westlake, seconded by Ms. Gauker, and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Approval of the January 5, 2022 minutes:

A motion to approve the January 5, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Westlake, seconded by Ms. Gauker, and approved by the Council.

Updates, New Business, Other Business:

Communications and Outreach:

Ms. Lane reported that one of the goals for the Chester County Strategic Business Plan is to provide information from the Ag Council to 20% (or 100,000) of Chester County residents. Staff have reached and exceeded the goal of outreach to Chester County residents at 31%.

Ms. Lane updated the Council members regarding planned outreach about the Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Maxwell noted that the Commissioners meeting will be on April 22, 2022, where the plan will be on the agenda for adoption. Articles will be submitted for the Commissioners newsletter and the Planning Commission eNewsletter. Additionally, the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce and the Lancaster Farming news have indicated interest in publishing information about the plan, and there will be an introduction letter in the 2022 Farm guide.

ADC will partner with the Conservation District to provide nominations for the Farmer of the Year. The Commissioner awards ceremony will be held on National "Thank a Farmer Day" on October 12, 2022.

Municipal Update:

Mr. Bruckno reported that the Planning Commission has reviewed a plan for Hodge Subdivision in Highland Township. The site, which is served by on-site water and on-site sewer facilities, is located in the Highland Township Agricultural Preservation zoning district. The tract contains one dwelling on Lot 1, and a dwelling is proposed for Lot 2. The County Planning Commission recommends that the issues raised in this letter should be addressed and all Highland Township issues should be resolved before action is taken on this subdivision plan.

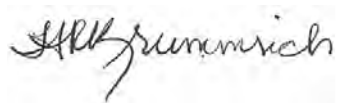
Process for Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan Implementation Subcommittee:

Ms. Krummrich and Mr. Westlake recommended creating a subcommittee to work on a process for implementing the strategic plan once it has been adopted by the County.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hillary R. Krummrich, Esq.
Secretary

HRK/sw

Note: Complete reports are a part of the Agricultural Development Council files and can be reviewed at the Planning Commission Office.