

THE COUNTY OF CHESTER

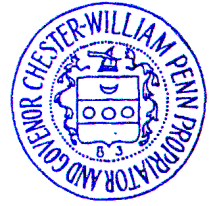


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MINUTES: Regular Monthly Meeting
Chester County Agricultural Development Council
September 1, 2021

Hybrid Meeting
Government Services Center Room 270

Council Members present in Person: Tim Ferris; Cynthis Petrone-Hudock.

Staff present in Person: Hillary Krummrich; Ann Lane; Brian O'Leary; Gene Huller.

Council Members present via Zoom: Chris Alonzo, Chair; Deirdre Flemming, Vice Chair; Dr. Barbara Dallap-Schaer; Jodi Gauker; Adam Mowery; Bill Schick; Anthony Vietri; Gary Westlake

Staff present via Zoom: Wes Bruckno; Suzanne Wozniak.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Ms. Krummrich reported that member Aimee Bowers has resigned from her position with the Chester County Agricultural Development Council.

Ms. Krummrich updated the Council regarding the additional position that has been requested. The position will continue to be in the budget request for 2022.

Updates, New Business, Other Business:

Ag Awards:

The Chester County Commissioners and the Chester County Agricultural Development Council present the Distinguished Agricultural Service award annually. The Council members were provided with information about four nominees. Ms. Lane polled the Council members and Betsey MacCauley has been nominated for the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award.

Communications and Outreach:

The 2021 Farm guide has been successfully distributed. A postcard with information regarding the farm guide online was sent throughout the central part of Chester County to encourage residents to view the guide on the website. Interviews and planning have begun for the 2022 farm guide.

New board members Cynthis Petrone-Hudock and Tim Ferris were recently highlighted in the eNewsletter outreach.

The Ag Council develops data sheets on a variety of agricultural topics to assess agriculture's contribution to Chester County's economy and landscape. Ms. Lane is currently updating the mushroom info sheet.

The next Farm and Table Tales event “Tales of Fledgling Farmer” will be held virtually on September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan:

Ms. Krummrich reviewed the draft recommendations for the Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan.

An online public meeting to present the Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan recommendations has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Council members are encouraged to attend and can register for the event here: [Zoom registration](#)

Ms. Krummrich discussed the ag municipal survey that Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO) is helping disseminate. This survey will help show attitudes and interest regarding agriculture in the various municipalities.

Ms. Krummrich also discussed a new project with Penn State Cooperative Extension regarding the issues of farmer spraying practices.

Mr. Bruckno told the Council of a London Grove Township Zoning amendment which the township was making to their AP district.

Administrative Items:

A motion to approve the May 5, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Ferris and approved by the Council.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

Ms. Petrone-Hudock mentioned an Economic Development Administration, Build Back Better grant opportunity that ACDS, LLC., the consultants working on the ag study are helping the Council assess applying for.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hillary Krummrich
Secretary

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