



Kent County Agriculture Preservation Board
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Meeting hosted via Zoom

DRAFT Minutes

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

Absent: Dennis Heffron (Ag Interest), Matt Kallman (County Commissioner)

Staff: Matt Channing, Jenn Headrick

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Suzie Reinbold welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11:31 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Russ Slater to approve the June 2020 minutes. Ed Robinette supported. UNANIMOUS
- III. PDR 2020 Selection Cycle – Matt Channing updated the Agricultural Preservation Board about the current status of the PDR 2020 Selection Cycle. The application submittal window remains open because of delays in reaching staff. There has been one request submitted to NRCS to fill out their portion. For renewals, Matt informed the group that scores from the previous year would not need to be adjusted because there was not change to the scoring criteria.
- IV. ACEP 2020 – Matt Channing revealed to the group that USDA NRCS informed him of Kent County's winning of a grant award. Matt called the Kruithoff family to express the good news. A motion was made by Gretchen Mousel to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to move forward with the Kruithoff application, accept the award, and authorize approval of all supporting documents. Ed Robinette supported. UNANIMOUS
- V. Staff Report – Matt Channing spoke about his efforts with the Sieracki Farm. Grattan Township sent a check for the \$38,000. The Wege Foundation would be submitting their check. The Sieracki family was still communicating with the mortgage lender about subordinating the mortgage to the conservation agreement. Matt informed the group he attended the Kent County Conservation District meeting. Matt also related to the group that there will be a meeting with the County Administrator and Progressive AE, the contractor on the TDR project.
- VI. Board Member Updates – There were no updates.

VII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Gretchen Mousel to adjourn the meeting. Ed Robinette supported. UNANIMOUS

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

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

Kent County 3rd floor Rm 311