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**HOWARD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD (APB)  
AND STATE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD (APAB)**

**April 27, 2020**

**Attendance:**

Board Members: Mickey Day (Chair)  
Savannah Kaiss  
Cathy Hudson  
Ann Jones (Vice Chair)  
Abby Gibbon  
Jamie Brown

Staff: James Zoller, Executive Secretary/Agricultural Coordinator  
Morenike Oyenusi, Senior Assistant County Solicitor  
Joy Levy, Program Administrator, (ALPP)  
Beth Burgess, Chief, Resource Conservation Division  
Matthew Hoover, Administrative Aide, (OCS)  
Mary Kendall, Deputy Director, (DPZ)

Guest: Kathy Johnson, Director of Agricultural Business Development, (HCEDA)  
David Plummer, District Manager, (HSCD)  
Theodore F. Mariani, Resident

**Action Items**

**1) Approval of minutes from the meeting on February 24, 2020**

No changes or corrections. Mr. Brown motioned to approve, and Ms. Hudson seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved the Meeting Minutes from 2/24/20.

**Discussion Items**

**1) Program Updates**

The public hearing for the updated Agricultural Land Preservation Program (ALPP) scoring that was supposed to be reviewed by the Council in March was pushed back and they don't know when they will vote on it. Properties can still get scored using the current scoring system.

The second group of the installment purchase agreements final payments were processed in February. The few that couldn't locate their documents went through the substitute installment agreement process. The next payments will be processed in August.

The Solar Task Force hearing was cancelled and is going to be rescheduled.

Mr. Zoller and Ms. Johnson have been working with the County Executive, Calvin Ball, to promote agriculture in Howard County.

The Roving Radish started their season earlier, because of Covid-19.

The Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Farmer Markets will open on time and Maple Lawn is supposed to open too. The Old Ellicott City Market is not going to open.

It was advised that most CSAs are sold out and some CSAs now offer delivery services.

The Soil Conservation District is closed to the public, but they are still working. They have staff that are in the office and some staff are working from home. The federal cost share programs are still proceeding as normal through online enrollment. The state max cost share program is not accepting any new applications, but they are still getting applications prepared for when the program opens back up.

The Payment Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) opened up this morning for agriculture at 10:00 AM.

## **2) Discussion of policy for Agricultural Land Preservation Program scoring of Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan / Best Management Practices (#8 on scoring sheet)**

The Board discussed number eight of the updated ALPP scoring sheet, which is the scoring of the Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan/Best Management Practices. There was a discussion of how it was going to be scored and who was going to distribute out the points. They also discussed the definitions of some of the terms for this scoring section. Number eight was read from the updated ALPP scoring sheet, which is detailed below.

### **8) SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY PLAN (SCWQP)/BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS) – MAXIMUM 100 POINTS**

- LONGSTANDING LANDOWNER RELATIONSHIP WITH SCD, AND SCWQP ON THE PROPERTY IS PREDOMINANTLY IMPLEMENTED WITH NO MAJOR RESOURCE CONCERNS - 100 POINTS
- LANDOWNER HAS RELATIONSHIP WITH SCD AND HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT SCWQP ON THIS PROPERTY OR ANOTHER PROPERTY, OR LANDOWNER HAS IMPLEMENTED CONSIDERABLE BMPS ON THEIR OWN - 75 POINTS
- NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH SCD AND HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT SCWQP ON THIS PROPERTY OR ANOTHER PROPERTY, OR LANDOWNER HAS IMPLEMENTED CONSIDERABLE BMPS ON THEIR OWN - 50 POINTS
- NEW SCWQP WITH NO CONSERVATION OR BMP ACTIVITY - 0 POINTS

It was determined that the Howard County Soil Conservation District would present the information to ALPP Program administrator, then the information would be brought to the Board when they are reviewing the application and the Board would determine the points awarded. Some of the information the Soil Conservation would be providing is the length of relationship with the Soil Conservation District, implementation of soil conservation water quality plans, and BMPs on the property.

There was a motion by Mr. Brown to amend the word “considerable” from both parts of the third tier of the scoring for number eight, which is worth 50 points and the motion was seconded by Ms. Hudson. All Board members in attendance approved the change. Below is the updated change.

Updated version

- NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH SCD AND HAS MADE **CONSIDERABLE** EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT SCWQP ON THIS PROPERTY OR ANOTHER PROPERTY, OR LANDOWNER HAS IMPLEMENTED **CONSIDERABLE** BMPS ON THEIR OWN - 50 POINTS

### **Public Testimony**

Mr. Mariani has been attending the meetings of the Solar Task Force and he wants to commend Mr. Brown and Ms. Hudson for representing the APB. He appreciates what the APB does to support agricultural preservation in Howard County.

Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Ms. Jones. All members in attendance were in favor of adjourning the meeting.