

Minutes of July 12, 2012 Alloway Agricultural Advisory Committee

Members present: Alexis Coleman, Sharon Coleman, Jennifer Coombs, Chuck Mihlebach, Nicole Priore, Walt Turner.

Members absent: Ron Vassalo, Twp. Cmte. Liason Myrle Patrick

Public present: Anne Sullivan, Jim Yanus

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Coombs at 7:40 p.m. at the Alloway Twp. Mun. Bldg. and was in compliance with requirements of R.S. 10:4-10.

Moved by W. Turner, seconded by C. Mihlebach to accept minutes of May 10, 2012 meeting. Unanimously approved.

Old business: Yanus PIG application has green-light approval at SADC. Alloway Twp. PIG Administrator has requested and received appraisal quotes from six appraisers. Sickler PIG application is pending, due to possibility of it going through federal funding avenue. If Sickler farm does not meet federal funding deadline requirements, it will revert to initial municipal PIG process and appraisal.

Alloway PIG Administrator report: An e-mail from Rita Shade dated July 11, 2012 was distributed to members. Low appraisers that Shade will recommend to AllowayTwpCmte are, Ed Molinari and Ed Kay. Committee members expressed concern regarding township funding a portion of Doak and Chard farms being preserved through NJCF. SADC and Shade continue to urge township to use municipal PIG funds and designated preservation tax to pay a percentage for appraisals and surveys of Doak and Chard projects, or a portion of settlement. There is a concern that township's fund balance will be depleted and township will not be able to meet its portion of township farms previously applied for preservation, and in pipeline through CADB ahead of Chard and Doak parcels.

Public comment: Jim Yanus suggested Ag Advisory Cmte. request CADB minutes to ascertain how many township acres have been applied and their status at CADB to determine funding needs .

New business: Correspondence from SADC that on June 29, 2012 it acquired easements on Dougan and Peterson farms.

Adjournment: Moved by A. Coleman, seconded by W. Turner to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m., unanimously approved.

Submitted by Sharon Coleman, Sec.