Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board Minutes May 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

Roll call: present - Jack Schultz, Al Mitchell, Lou Joyce, Brian Lorenz, Walt Turner Absent- Kurt Sickler, John Blankenship, Warren Morgan. Others present – none

The minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting were presented. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, all in favor with Mr. Turner abstaining.

Old Business:

Report from Salem County, Mr. Joyce said he had informed Ms. Alexander of the Committee's action to proceed with the Goss and Pierce applications.

Report from SADC, Ms. Mazzella emailed that they expect closing on Rieck and Bell to be completed by end of fiscal year, June 30.

The Township Trust Fund balance report indicated that current encumbrances have reduced the available fund balance to \$56,796 of the \$116,456.98 in the fund remain unchanged from previous.

Mr. Joyce reported that Mr. Scheule had contacted SADC regarding the mapping of the 10 acre parcels discussed at last meeting so the Committee can proceed with possible modification of the project area.

Mr. Joyce also reported that he had contact with the Zoning official regarding proposed building activity on the former Ray farm and he advised the official on the contents and restriction in the deed of easement for Block 27 lots 12 & 15, and Block 30 lots 11 & 12.

New Business: Mr. Joyce reported that the Township has adopted the Open Space/Farmland tax rate for 2022 of one/half cent (\$0.0050) at its March 17 meeting.

Walt Turner provided the history of his family's farm dating back to 1922. After discussion on motion by Mr. Turner, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, the committee will prepare a resolution recognizing Robert L. Turner for his 98 years on the farm, including it preservation. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment: Mrs. Bell asked about the 10 acre lot size.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm on motion by Mr. Schultz, with 2nd by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved.

Louis C. Joyce Secretary

Approved: July 14, 2022