

**AGRICULTURAL AND PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT  
RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 27, 2017**

The meeting of the Stafford County Agricultural and Purchase of Development Rights Committee for Monday, February 27, 2017, was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice Chairman Marty McClevey in the County Administration Conference Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr. Government Center.

Members Present: Jeff Adams, Thomas Hale, Robin Long, Marty McClevey and Benjamin Rudasill

Members Absent: John Howe

Staff Present: Kathy Baker, Joe Fiorello and Denise Knighting

Guests Present: Marshall Locklear and Lester Long

1. Call to Order

Mr. McClevey called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Knighting to call roll.

Ms. Knighting called roll and stated there was a quorum present.

2. Public Presentations

Mr. McClevey asked if there were any public presentation.

Mr. Locklear stated he was just there to observe because he need to submit his application within the next month.

3. Approval of Minutes – January 23, 2017

Mr. McClevey asked if there were any comments concerning the minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes.

Mrs. Long seconded.

The motion passed 5-0 (Mr. Howe was absent).

4. Staff Update

- PDR program and PDR funds

Ms. Baker stated there was currently \$80,000 in the PDR funds which was received from rollback funds. She also stated the Board of Supervisors was going to consider a dedicated amount in the budget for PDR in an effort to keep development in the Urban Services Area and out of the agricultural areas.

Mr. Adams asked if there was a dedicated amount would the delta go away.

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Ms. Baker stated she was not sure of the logistics at this time. She stated she will also be meeting with the REPI representatives concerning the Sterne Farm and hopefully will get some questions answered. She stated the current plan was to close in 2018.

Mr. Adams asked how many acres.

Ms. Baker stated 220.

5. New Business

- Farmers Market Application – North Stafford Farmers Market

Mr. McClevey stated they would move on to new business and asked if there were any comment concerning North Stafford Farmers Market.

Mr. Adams stated he was opposed to the 80 percent at 125 miles.

Mrs. Baker reviewed the rules and regulations that were approved at the September 2016 meeting and stated that the 80 percent issue had been approved in the rules and regulations.

Mr. McClevey stated he reviewed the past minutes and stated the rules and regulations were discussed in June but were not voted on until September. He stated he did not like that section of the rules and regulations, but since it was voted on and approved the Committee would have to follow them.

Mr. Adams stated that was something that should be changed when the Committee discussed the rules and regulations for next year.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Long if he was going to strictly enforce the 125 mile boundary rule.

Mr. Long stated yes.

Mr. Rudasill made a motion to approve the application.

Mr. McClevey seconded.

The motion passed 2-1 (Mr. Adams was opposed. Mrs. Long and Mr. Hale abstained. Mr. Howe was absent).

- Farmers Market Application – Long Farmers Market

Mr. McClevey moved on the Long Farmers Market.

Mr. Long stated at the request of customers for a weekday market they were going to try this on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the University of Mary Washington campus on Rt. 17.

Mr. Adams asked where the signs would be placed.

Mr. Long stated on the University property.

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Ms. Baker informed Mr. Long he would still have to apply for sign permits.  
Mr. Long stated he would.

Mr. Rudasill made a motion to approve the application.

Mr. McClevey seconded.

The motion passed 2-1 (Mr. Adams was opposed. Mrs. Long and Mr. Hale abstained. Mr. Howe was absent).

6. Unfinished Business

- PDR Recognition Ceremony

Ms. Baker stated the PDR Recognition Ceremony would be held March 21, 2017 at the 7 o'clock Board of Supervisors meeting. She stated the Adams property, Jones property and Harris property would be recognized along with a proclamation to Gail Clark for her service to the agricultural community. She stated a light reception would be held at 6 o'clock in the ABC Conference Room. She stated in past years they have invited past PDR members, VDACS, Farm Bureau, past PDR recipients, the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission members and other elected officials.

- Artisan Trail Network

Ms. Baker stated she left this on the agenda from the last meeting. She was not sure if there was additional discussion.

Mr. McClevey stated they discussed it fully at the last meeting. He also stated he has been trying to get in touch with Farm Bureau concerning educational efforts, but has not been successful.

Mrs. Long stated she had a meeting scheduled with Farm Bureau tomorrow and would ask them to contact Mr. McClevey.

7. Next Meeting

- March 27, 2017

Mr. McClevey stated the next meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2017

Ms. Baker stated she would bring the Ordinance back for review, to make sure there were no other changes to be made, and someone from the Commissioner of Revenues office would also be attending.

8. Adjournment

Mr. McClevey asked if there was any other discussion. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rudasill made a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Long seconded.

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The motion passed 5-0 (Mr. Howe was absent).

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.