

***AGRICULTURAL AND PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT
RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 27, 2020***

The meeting of the Stafford County Agricultural and Purchase of Development Rights Committee for Monday, January 27, 2020, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kathy Baker in the ABC Conference Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr. Government Center.

Members Present: Chad Young, Carlos Bratton, Jeff Adams, Joshua Pepper, and Benjamin Rudasill

Members Absent: Robert Broxton, John Howe

Staff Present: Kathy Baker and Lindsey Marr

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order

Ms. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Ms. Marr to call roll.

Ms. Marr called roll.

Ms. Baker stated there was a quorum present.

2. Welcome New Member – Carlos Bratton, Griffis-Widewater District

Mr. Bratton introduced himself and gave the committee a brief background on his experience in the agricultural field.

3. Organize Committee

- Election of Officers

Mr. Adams nominated John Howe as Chairman. The committee voted to approve John Howe as Chairman 5-0.

Mr. Rudasill nominated Robert Broxton as Vice Chairman. The committee voted to approve Robert Broxton as Vice Chairman 5-0.

- 2020 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Adams made a motion to adopt the 2020 meeting calendar that was provided to them, stating that they could vote to change any dates later in the year if that was needed. The committee voted to approve adopting the 2020 meeting calendar 5-0.

- 2020 Work Plan

Ms. Baker updated the Committee on the Board of Supervisors Healthy Growth Initiative. She stated they were having their annual retreat in February and they should have a little more direction after the first Board meeting that falls after the retreat.

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Mr. Adams requested that they add following certain legislation in Richmond proposing requirements to fence out livestock from streams to their 2020 work plan.

Ms. Baker stated that she would get in touch with their legislative officer to keep the committee posted on any actions regarding that legislation.

- By-laws

The committee decided to keep the by-laws as they were currently written for 2020.

4. Public Presentations

5. Staff Update

- Purchase of Development Rights Program Funding and Applications

Ms. Baker updated the Committee on all the properties that were currently going through the PDR application process. The Beach, Harris, Moore, Harding, Caton, and Shelton properties have all received matching funds, with the Beach and Shelton properties potentially closing in the spring of 2020. The Caton property has been put on hold due to the owner's plan to put a telecommunications tower on the property which would change the nature of the property. Ms. Baker stated she would add the Caton property to the agenda for their February meeting so they could discuss it further.

- Board of Supervisors Healthy Growth Initiative

(This item was discussed under the 2020 Work Plan)

6. New Business

- Farmers Market Application – Long Family Market

The committee asked the Longs if they had changed anything on their application from last year.

Robin Long stated that their application was exactly the same as it was last year.

Mr. Pepper made a motion to approve the Long Family Market application.

Mr. Rudasill seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-1 (Mr. Adams voted to deny).

Mr. Adams made a motion to add the Locklear Market application to the agenda.

Mr. Young seconded the motion.

The motion to add the Locklear Market application passed 5-0.

Mr. Rudasill made a motion to approve the Locklear Market application.

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Mr. Young seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-1 (Mr. Adams voted to deny).

7. Approval of Minutes

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Mr. Pepper made a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Bratton abstained).

8. Member Comments

Mr. Adams stated that he was speaking at a community meeting in Nokesville, Virginia on Thursday. Prince William is thinking about starting a PDR program, which is the topic of the meeting.

9. Next Meeting

- February 24, 2020

10. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.