

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**September 26, 2023**

**This meeting was held via internet and telephone conference call.**

**Trustees Participating:**

William Allen, Chair  
Cricket Goodall, Vice Chair  
Michael Calkins, representing Secretary Kevin Atticks, Maryland Dept. of Agriculture  
Joanna Kille, representing Treasurer Dereck E. Davis  
Deborah Herr-Cornwell, representing Secretary Rebecca Flora, Maryland  
Department of Planning  
Gilbert "Buddy" Bowling  
Gary Dell  
Joseph Wood  
J. Bruce Yerkes  
Catherine Cosgrove  
Elizabeth Hill

**Trustees Absent:**

Alex Butler, representing Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman

**Others Participating:**

Michelle Cable, MALPF Executive Director  
Chana Turner, MALPF Lead Administrator  
Sarel Cousins, MALPF Administrator  
Rama Dilip, MALPF Administrator  
Kim Hoxter, MALPF Monitoring, Enforcement and Database Coordinator  
Amanda Massoni, MALPF Fiscal Specialist  
Patrick Martyn, Assistant Attorney General, Department of General Services  
Renee Dyson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of General Services  
Cara Frye, Assistant Attorney General, Department of General Services  
Megan Benjamin, Baltimore County Program Administrator  
Justin Hayes, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Donna Landis-Smith, Queen Anne's County Program Administrator  
J.P. Smith, Jr., Carroll County Program Administrator  
Billy Gorski, Anne Arundel County Staff  
Joe Pippin, Queen Anne's County Staff  
Roy Cool, Allegany County Program Administrator  
Julie Enger, Department of General Services, Appraiser  
Kathleen Seay, Charles County Staff

Mr. Allen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. via internet and telephone conference call. Ms. Cable stated the names of the participants on the conference call, for the record, and asked anyone that was not named to identify themselves.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Open Minutes from August 22, 2023.**

Motion #1: To approve minutes from August 22, 2023.

Motion: Yerkes                      Second: Dell  
Status: Approved

**II. ADDITION / DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Ms. Cable asked all participants to keep themselves muted, and when unmuted, to clearly state their names before asking a question, or making a motion, etc. She reminded the Board members that when motions were made, Board members only needed to state their names if they were voting in opposition to the motion, rather than saying "aye" to vote in favor of a motion.

**IV. EASEMENT AMENDMENTS**

**A. BALTIMORE COUNTY**

1. 03-05-01 Rosier, Grace ~133 acres

Request – Baltimore County:

Request approval for relinquishment of Jennifer Wolinski's preliminarily released child lot; and to reimburse the landowner the amount paid to have the lot released from the easement.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval pursuant and subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of Md. Code, Agriculture Article, Section 2-505(c)(5).

Ms. Turner introduced the item. Ms. Benjamin was available to answer questions from the Board.

Motion #2: To approve a relinquishment of Jennifer Wolinski's preliminarily released child lot and reimburse the landowner, as presented.

Motion: Dell Second: Hill  
Status: Approved

**V. NEW AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENT PETITIONS:**

**VI. PROGRAM POLICY**

**VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Allen asked for a motion for adjournment of the meeting to move into a closed session, pursuant to the applicable provisions of General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b): (3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition; (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Motion #3: To adjourn the regular session at 9:09 a.m. to move into a closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Motion: Yerkes Second: Dell  
Status: Approved

The Closed Meeting of the Board was held from 9:16 a.m. to 9:46 a.m. on September 26, 2023, via internet and telephone conference call, pursuant to the provisions of the General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b): Annotated Code of Maryland:

General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b):

(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition;

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(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and

(8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

During the Closed Meeting, the following Board members were present: William Allen, Chair, Cricket Goodall, Vice Chair, Joanna Kille, representing Treasurer Dereck E. Davis, Deborah Herr-Cornwell, representing Secretary Rebecca Flora, Maryland Department of Planning, Catherine Cosgrove, Michael Calkins, representing Secretary Kevin Atticks, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Gary Dell, Joe Wood, J. Bruce Yerkes, and Elizabeth Hill.

The following Board members were absent: Alex Butler, representing Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman, and Buddy Bowling

The following MALPF staff and legal representatives were also present during the closed session meeting: Michelle Cable, Chana Turner, Rama Dilip, Sarel Cousins, Kim Hoxter, Amanda Massoni, Justin Hayes, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Patrick Martyn, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of General Services, Cara Frye, Assistant Attorney General Maryland Department of General Services and Renee Dyson, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of General Services.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- A. Approval of August 22, 2023, Closed Session Minutes
- B. Status Report of Pending Legal Issues
- C. FY23 Round Two Offers
- D. FY23 Caroline County Option Contract status
- E. FY23 Kent County Option Contract status
- F. FY23 Somerset County Option Contract status

Respectfully Submitted:



Michelle Cable, Executive Director