

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

APRIL 26, 2022

This meeting was held via internet and telephone conference call.

Trustees Participating:

Cricket Goodall, Vice Chair
Steve Connelly, representing Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder, Maryland Department
of Agriculture
Jerome Klasmeier, representing Comptroller Peter Franchot
Joanna Kille, representing Treasurer Dereck E. Davis
Deborah Herr Cornwell, representing Secretary Robert McCord, Maryland
Department of Planning
Gilbert "Buddy" Bowling
Catherine Cosgrove
Gary Dell
Joseph Wood
J. Bruce Yerkes

Trustees Absent:

William Allen, Chair
Elizabeth Hill

Others Participating:

Michelle Cable, MALPF Executive Director
Diane Chasse, MALPF Administrator
Chana Turner, MALPF Administrator
Sarel Cousins, MALPF Administrator
Kim Hoxter, MALPF Monitoring, Enforcement and Database Coordinator
Patrick Martyn, Assistant Attorney General, Department of General Services
Renee Dyson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of General Services
Mike Steadman, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Agriculture
Beth Beales, Caroline County Program Administrator
Donna Landis-Smith, Queen Anne's County Program Administrator
Megan Benjamin, Baltimore County Program Administrator
J.P. Smith, Jr., Carroll County Program Administrator
Jackie Brathuhn, Carroll County Staff
Bill Amoss, Harford County Program Administrator
Billy Gorski, Anne Arundel County Staff
Kathleen Seay, Charles County Staff
Jennifer David, Calvert County Staff
Will LeFort, DGS Appraiser
Ashleigh & Sandi Hall (Orendorff Holdings, LLC), Carroll County landowners
Fatimah Hasan, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Ms. Goodall, Vice-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.

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VI. PROGRAM POLICY

A. Legislative Update

Ms. Turner provided the Board with the final status of 2022 legislation which may affect MALPF.

B. FY23 Easement Acquisition Cycle Recommendations.

Ms. Cable presented the Board with the final approved budget for MALPF for FY23, and proposed the following structure for the FY23 application cycle, regarding numbers of applications accepted, based on the higher level of funding (State and County combined is \$72,203,328):

- A. Maximum number applications to be submitted to DGS for appraising: 16.
- B. Counties with a high volume of applicants are allowed to submit up to 21 applications by the July 1st deadline, provided that at least 5 of the 21 applications are still eligible to potentially receive a Round 2 offer in the FY 2022 cycle.
- C. Counties submitting more than 16 applications must submit a preliminary ranking of all the applicants, up to the full 21, by July 1st, and provide a final ranking of the top 16 applicants by July 31st. This gives the Counties through the July Board meeting to learn if any additional FY 2022 applicants receive easement offers.

Motion #5: To approve the recommended structure of accepting FY23 applications, as presented.

Motion: Herr-Cornwell Second: Kille
Status: Approved

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. FY 2022 Quarterly Inspection Report

Ms. Hoxter provided the Board with the quarterly inspection report.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion #6: To adjourn the regular session at 9:53 a.m. to move into a closed session to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition; and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Motion: Cosgrove Second: Klasmeier
Status: Approved

The Closed Meeting of the Board was held from 10:02 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. on April 26, 2022 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; and

(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

During the Closed Meeting, the following Board members were present: Cricket Goodall, Vice Chair, Jerome Klasmeier, representing Comptroller Peter Franchot, Joanna Kille, representing Treasurer Dereck E. Davis, Deborah Herr Cornwell, representing Secretary Robert McCord,

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Maryland Department of Planning, Steve Connelly, representing Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Gilbert "Buddy" Bowling, Gary Dell, Cathy Cosgrove, Joe Wood, and J. Bruce Yerkes.


The following Board members were absent: William Allen, Chair and Elizabeth Hill.

The following MALPF staff and legal representatives were also present during the closed session meeting: Michelle Cable, Diane Chasse, Chana Turner, Sarel Cousins, Kim Hoxter, Michael Steadman, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Patrick Martyn, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of General Services and Renee Dyson, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of General Services.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- A. Approval of March 22, 2022 Closed Session Minutes
- B. Status Report of Pending Legal Issues
- C. FY 2022 Offers

Respectfully Submitted:



Michelle Cable, MALPF Executive Director

