

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION FUND BOARD

December 4, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Constitution Hall, Atrium Level South
Hale Brake Conference Room
525 W. Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Public Comment/Attendance: 248-509-0316; Conf. ID: 410 561 781#

MEETING MINUTES

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Bureau Director, Agriculture Development Bureau
Chip Kraus, Program Manager, Farmland and Open Space Preservation
John Krohn, Easement Analyst, Farmland and Open Space Preservation

Call to Order

The Michigan Agriculture Preservation Fund Board (APFB) meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Boring.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Tim Boring, Member Stephen Shine, Member Gregory Thon, Member Mary Ann Heidemann, Member Brian Bourdages, Member Remy Long

Absent: Member Gwyn Atkinson-Lewis

Approval of Agenda

Chair Boring requested a motion to approve the proposed meeting agenda with one change to the order of the agenda.

MOTION

Member Heidemann motioned to approve the agenda, with the change proposed by the chair. The motion was seconded by Member Long. Motion carried with no abstentions.

Approval of May 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Chair Boring requested a motion to approve the proposed meeting minutes from the previous meeting on May 1, 2024.

MOTION

Member Thon motioned to approve the May 1, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented. Motion seconded by Member Shine. Motion carried with no abstentions.

2025 Annual Meeting Schedule

Chair Boring requested a motion to approve the proposed APFB meeting dates for calendar year 2025.

MOTION

Member Bourdages motioned to approve the proposed calendar year 2025 APFB meeting dates, as presented. Motion seconded by Member Long. Motion carried with no abstentions.

Funding Update

Chip Kraus (MDARD) presented a budget update for the Agricultural Preservation Fund.

Open Grants Update

John Krohn (MDARD) presented the status of open grants.

Washtenaw County Grant 24000003146 Amendment

John Krohn (MDARD) informed the board about a required amendment to the grant caused by a change in property ownership.

FY 2025 Agricultural Preservation Fund Grant Application

John Krohn (MDARD) presented the FY 2025 Agricultural Preservation Fund Grant Application.

Board Policies Review

Chair Boring proposed updating the Board policies and procedures. After discussion, Chair Boring requested a motion to create an Advisory Workgroup to update the policies and procedures. The Advisory Workgroup will consist of MDARD staff and up to three APFB members.

MOTION

Member Shine motioned to create an Advisory Workgroup to review APFB Policies and Procedures and will consist of Members Long, Thon and Shine and MDARD staff. Motion seconded by Member Heidemann. Motion carried with no abstentions.

Public Comment

Public comment was held.

Adjourn

MOTION

Member Bourdages motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Member Long. Motion carried with no abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM.