

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Schultz.

Roll call: present - Jack Schultz, Lou Joyce, Brian Lorenz, Warren Morgan, Brian Leady, Committee Liaison

Absent- John Blankenship, Michael Hitchner, Al Mitchell

Others present – Katie Mazzella, SADC

Minutes from November 4, 2024 were approved on motion by Mr. Morgan, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz with unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Report from Salem County: No Report.

Report from SADC: The following applications have received “Green Light” approval with appraisals poised to begin: Pierce, Britt Williams, Balliinger Mill, LLC – Camp Grice. A new application has been received from David Simons for Block 15 Lot 11 on 139 Williams Road.

Ms. Mazzella reviewed the contents of the Statewide Value Formula rules that will be submitted in Draft to the SADC for review at their January meeting. Target date for final rule adoption is March/April and current application appraisals can proceed using the new formula. The new formula gives specific bonuses that can raise the offering amount from 50% to 80% of unrestricted values. SADC will also increase the cost share formula to 90/10/10 to incentivize purchased under the new formula.

Committee members also referred some potential applicants to Ms. Mazzella.

Report from NJCF: our new contact has been confirmed as Robyn Jeney and she has indicated she will attend our March meeting.

Letters to Landowners – Cindy Roberts has sent postcards.

Township trust fund: No new report.

2026 PIG Grant – All required documents were submitted to Tommy Allen at the SADC including Township Supporting Resolution 24-109.

New Business:

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Motion was made by Mr. Lorenz, 2nd by Mr. Morgan to inform SADC and the Township Committee that the Advisory Committee's has no objection to and supports the application by David Simons for 139 Williams Road, Block 15 Lot 11 was unanimously approved.

The Committee reviewed the Next Generation Farmer Program information sheet and was to complete the survey for SADC.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm on motion by Mr. Lorenz, with 2nd by Mr. Morgan and unanimously approved.

Louis Joyce,
Secretary

Next Meeting: March 13, 2025

Approved: March 13, 2025.