

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Department of Agriculture
Market and Warren Streets
1st Floor Auditorium
Trenton, NJ 08625

REGULAR MEETING

April 24, 2015

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Payne read the notice indicating the meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll call indicated the following:

Members Present

Douglas H. Fisher, Chairman
Maria Connolly (rep. Acting DCA Commissioner Richman)
Brian Schilling (rep. Executive Dean Goodman)
Renee Jones (rep. DEP Commissioner Martin)
Alan Danser, Vice Chairman
Peter Johnson
Jane Brodhecker

Members Absent

Ralph Siegel (rep. State Treasurer Sidamon-Eristoff)
Denis C. Germano, Esq.
James Waltman

Susan E. Payne, Executive Director
Jason Stypinski, Deputy Attorney General

Others present as recorded on the attendance sheet: Timothy Brill, Steve Bruder, Daniel Patrick O'Connell, Matthew DiStaulo, Heidi Winzinger, Cindy Roberts, Stefanie Miller, Paul Burns, Hope Gruzlovic, Jeffrey Everett, David Kimmel, Charles Roohr, Dan Knox, Sandy Giambrone and Patricia Riccitello, SADC staff; Robert Vivian, N.J. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary; Michael Collins, Esq., Governor's Authorities Unit; Tom Beaver, New Jersey Farm Bureau; Donna Rue, Rue Brothers Farm, Monmouth County; Daniel

Pace, Mercer County Agriculture Development Board; Brigitte Sherman, Cape May County Agriculture Development Board; Katherine Coyle, Morris County Agriculture Development Board; Tara Kenyon, Somerset County Agriculture Development Board; Martin Bullock, State Board of Agriculture Member; Richard A. Norz, President, State Board of Agriculture, and Robert A. Swanekamp Sr., Vice President, State Board of Agriculture.

Minutes

A. SADC Regular Meeting of March 26, 2015 (Open and Closed Sessions)

It was moved by Ms. Brodhecker and seconded by Mr. Danser to approve the Open Session and Closed Session minutes of the SADC regular meeting of March 26, 2015. The motion was approved. (Ms. Connolly abstained from the vote.)

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Fisher made the following comments:

- Soil Disturbance

Chairman Fisher stated that this is the third meeting where he wanted to discuss soil disturbance. The first meeting the draft regulations were floated and he immediately heard from the agricultural community that there were huge concerns. Then we went to sending out that floated document and heard even greater concerns from across the agricultural community. Then at the annual State Agricultural Convention a resolution was passed directing that there should be a subcommittee comprised of SADC members, State Board of Agriculture members and the agricultural community to discuss the subject.

Chairman Fisher stated that the subcommittee met and created a document, which he believed the Committee received yesterday. That document also listed the members of the subcommittee. That discussion also triggered other discussions by that committee and by the State Board of Agriculture, looking for more dialogue between the SADC and the general agricultural community – better communication, more discussion, timeliness of actions, impacts of SADC actions. They want to help the Committee look at its own role in terms of the impacts it has and the mission that it has and an understanding of how it can help the agricultural community. After all, we need farmland but we need farmers and the

