

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Department of Agriculture
Market and Warren Streets
1st Floor Auditorium
Trenton, NJ 08625**

REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 2015

Acting Chairperson Purcell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. She indicated that Chairman Fisher would be attending the meeting shortly. Ms. Payne read the notice indicating the meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The flag salute was conducted at the start of the meeting.

Roll call indicated the following:

Members Present

Monique M. Purcell, Acting Chairperson (Left at 9:24 a.m.)
Douglas H. Fisher, Chairman (Arrived at 9:24 a.m.)
Brian Schilling (rep. Executive Dean Goodman)
Pamela Weintraub (rep. DCA Commissioner Richman)
Cecile Murphy (rep. DEP Commissioner Martin)
Ralph Siegel (rep. Acting State Treasurer Scudder) (Arrived at 9:11 a.m.)
Denis C. Germano, Esq. (Arrived at 9:22 a.m.)
James Waltman
Jane Brodhecker

Members Absent

Alan Danser, Vice Chairman
Peter Johnson

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

Others present as recorded on the attendance sheet: Heidi Winzinger, Stefanie

Miller, Cindy Roberts, Jessica Uttal, Paul Burns, Richard Martin, Dan Knox, Jeffrey Everett, Hope Gruzlovic, Brian Smith, Esq., David Kimmel, Charles Roohr, Alison Reynolds, Esq., Pat O'Connell, Matthew DiStaulo, Steven Bruder, Hector Weah, Sandy Giambrone and Patricia Riccitello, SADC staff; Michael Collins, Esq., Governor's Authorities Unit; Daniel Pace, Mercer County Agriculture Development Board; Brian Wilson, Burlington County Agriculture Development Board; Tom Beaver, New Jersey Farm Bureau; Donna Rue, Rue Brothers Farm, Warren County; Carrie Lindig, Gail Bartok and Lauren Lapczynski, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA, NRCS); Brigitte Sherman, Cape May County Agriculture Development Board; Jacqueline Middleton, Hunterdon Land Trust, Hunterdon County; Harriet Honigfeld and Eric Pierson, Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board; and Scott Ellis, Hamilton Township, Mercer County.

Minutes

- A. SADC Regular Meeting of November 12, 2015 (Open and Closed Sessions)

It was moved by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Brodhecker to approve the Open Session and Closed Session minutes of the SADC regular meeting of November 12, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Purcell stated that the State Board of Agriculture will be meeting next Wednesday in Port Morris because it wants to talk about some of the things that are going on in the aquaculture industry, including the Federal listing of the Red Knot bird as a threatened and endangered species. Currently there is a biological assessment process going on between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the Department of Agriculture, which will result in conservation measures that aquaculture operators will have to take to make sure they are being protective of the Red Knot birds during their migration from South America. Aquaculture has been dealing with a lot of issues, permitting issues, and then this Red Knot issue happened earlier this year. There has also been a call for another permit needed from the NJDEP because of some noncompliant issues with the FDA. The State Board membership wanted to be located further south not only for the South Jersey Open Meeting but also so that aquaculturalists could attend the meeting to speak to the board.

