

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

REGULAR MEETING

July 23, 2015

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. SADC staff person Patricia Riccitello 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
James Requa (rep. DCA Commissioner Richman)
Brian Schilling (rep. Executive Dean Goodman)
Cecile Murphy (rep. DEP Commissioner Martin)
Alan Danser, Vice Chairman
Ralph Siegel (rep. Acting State Treasurer Romano) (Arrived at 9:15 a.m.)
James Waltman
Jane Brodhecker

Members Absent

Peter Johnson
Denis C. Germano, Esq.

Ms. Payne is absent at today's meeting
John Doyle, Deputy Attorney General

Others present as recorded on the attendance sheet: Heidi Winzinger, Cindy Roberts, Stefanie Miller, Paul Burns, Dan Knox, Jeffrey Everett, Hope Gruzlovic, Brian Smith, Esq., David Kimmel, Charles Roohr, Alison Reynolds, Esq., David Clapp, Pat O'Connell, Sandy Giambrone and Patricia Riccitello, SADC staff;

Michael Collins, Esq., Governor's Authorities Unit; Harriet Honigfeld and Michaela Kramer, Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board; Daniel Pace, Mercer County Agriculture Development Board; Brian Wilson, Burlington County Agriculture Development Board; Tom Beaver, New Jersey Farm Bureau; Katherine Coyle, Morris County Agriculture Development Board; Scott Hunter, N.J. Board of Public Utilities; and Lori Rue, Rue Brothers Farm, Monmouth County.

Minutes

A. SADC Regular Meeting of June 25, 2015 (Open and Closed Sessions)

It was moved by Mr. Requa and seconded by Mr. Danser to approve the Open Session and Closed Session minutes of the SADC regular meeting of June 25, 2015. The motion was approved. (Ms. Brodhecker abstained from the vote.)

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Fisher noted that SADC Executive Director Payne is not present today as she had a death in the family.

Chairman Fisher stated that last month there was a lot of discussion on the delegation of approval for special occasion events that take place Monday through Thursday at wineries on preserved farmland. Chairman Fisher asked that this issue be tabled for a month to allow for additional discussion, at the request of the Governor's Counsel's office. Hopefully, the Committee can move on this item at its next meeting.

Chairman Fisher indicated that SADC Chief Fiscal Officer Pat O'Connell will present the Executive Director's report in Ms. Payne's absence.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. O'Connell made the following comments:

- Fiscal Year 2015 Status Report

Mr. O'Connell stated that Fiscal Year 2015 was the best year for acquisitions in five years. The SADC closed on 95 transactions for a total of 7,500 acres

