

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

REGULAR MEETING

March 26, 2015

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:06 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
James Requa (rep. DCA Commissioner Constable)
Brian Schilling (rep. Executive Dean Goodman)
Renee Jones (rep. DEP Commissioner Martin)
Alan Danser, Vice Chairman
Peter Johnson
Jane Brodhecker
Torrey Reade

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, Heidi Winzinger, Cindy Roberts, Stefanie Miller, Paul Burns, Hope Gruzlovic, Jeffrey Everett, David Kimmel, Charles Roohr, David Clapp, Sandy Giambrone and Patricia Riccitello, SADC staff; 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; Brian Wilson, Burlington County Agriculture Development Board; Casey Jansen, Holland Greenhouses, Middlesex County; Amy Hansen, New Jersey Conservation Foundation; Harriet Honigfeld, Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board; and Mark Villinger and Rebecca Ziefle, Ocean County Agriculture Development Board.

Minutes

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

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Fisher made the following comments:

- Soil Disturbance

Chairman Fisher stated that he would like to amplify what he said last month and bring it to an even higher pitch in terms of what the agricultural community has been telling him everywhere he goes across the state about soil disturbance and this floated proposal for the possibility of a rule. When it was just out there in the very first days after the six-year subcommittee that met, he started hearing things right away. That is why he created the idea of floating – meaning that it was just out there – because there were many in the agricultural community who thought the SADC was in a rush to get this done, in other words, sort of a freight train agenda. Chairman Fisher stated that he knows that wasn't the intention of the SADC but it didn't matter in terms of perception because regardless of what this board was thinking of doing, the perception was out there that it was a freight train. So everywhere he went since the first day, he would hear from different sectors that many times don't even pay attention to some of these matters. The latest one was someone who has horses and breeds them and said, "oh, this is going to really impact me and I'm not sure that my land, my operation, is going to be as valuable as I once thought it was based on something like this."

Chairman Fisher stated that there were others who came to him and said, "well, you know we entered into this program and suddenly years later this new factor comes into

