CHESTER COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
Agenda – January 5, 2022
9:30am-11:30am
Government Services Center 601 Westtown Road, West Chester 19380
VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON

Please click on the link to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/97515636971

1. Call to Order
   A. Director’s Report: Board Announcements

1. Updates, New Business, Other Business:
   A. Communications and Outreach
      • Social media update
      • Farm and Table Tales series
      • Plans for Farm Guide 2022
   B. Municipal Assistance Requests
   C. Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan Update
      • Public meetings & matrix feedback
      • Discussion of 2022 work program priorities

3. Administrative Items:
   A. Ag Council Elections: Conversation
   B. Approval of the November 3, 2021 Minutes
   C. Reminder of 2022 Meeting Dates

4. Next Meeting – In-person at the Government Services Center and via Zoom, March 2nd at 9:30am
THE COUNTY OF CHESTER

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MINUTES: Regular Monthly Meeting
Chester County Agricultural Development Council
November 3, 2021

Hybrid Meeting
Government Services Center Room 270

Council Members present in Person: There were none.

Staff present in Person: Hillary Krummrich; Ann Lane; Brian O’Leary; Gene Huller; Suzanne Wozniak.

Council Members present via Zoom: Chris Alonzo, Chair; Deirdre Flemming, Vice Chair; Dr. Barbara Dallap-Schaer; Tim Ferris; Jodi Gauker; Adam Mowery; Bill Schick; Anthony Vietri; Gary Westlake.

Council Member present via phone: Cynthia Petrone-Hudock.

Staff present via Zoom: Wes Bruckno.

Visitors present via Zoom: Charles Streitweiser.

Call to Order: Ms. Flemming called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Ms. Krummrich and Mr. O’Leary updated the Council regarding the additional position that has been requested. The request has not been approved for the 2022 budget year. Council members requested to arrange a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the need for an additional position in the Ag Council.

Updates, New Business, Other Business:

Communications and Outreach:

The Chester County Commissioners and the Ag Council presented the 2021 Chester County Farmer of the Year award to Darryl King, owner-operator of Manor Hill Farms in West Grove, where he and his wife Pam grow row crops on 220 acres, and Manor Hill Hay and Grain in Cochranville, a self-serve store selling pine shavings, hay, and straw.

Betsy MacCauley (Atglen, Pa.) received the 2021 Duncan Allison Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award in recognition of her over 30 years of volunteer service to the agriculture industry through her work as a 4-H Club livestock leader.

The next Farm and Table Tales event “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Panel” will be held virtually on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Krummrich updated the Council regarding Municipal outreach. Phil Gottwals with ACDS will be presenting the Ag Economic Development Plan summary at the CCATO conference on November 11, 2021, 4:00 – 6:00 PM. As a part of the study, ACDS sent out a survey to municipal officials which had approximately 39 responses.
Ms. Krummrich also discussed a new project with Penn State Cooperative Extension regarding the issues of farmer spraying practices.

**Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan:**

Ms. Krummrich updated the Council on the Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Approximately 56 people attended the online public meeting to present the Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan recommendations was held Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

ACDS is recommending holding two additional public meetings to present the plan summary and answer questions the public may still have. Staff is identifying dates, times, and locations currently.

**Municipal Update:**

Mr. Bruckno presented information regarding two plans submitted recently for review. West Nantmeal Township, Wyebrook Farm is adding 100 parking spaces to support the business. West Brandywine Township proposed official map which includes some areas for future Ag preservation. Planning Commission staff recommended approval of both plans submitted.

**Administrative Items:**

**Approval of the September 1, 2021 minutes:**

A motion to approve the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Westlake, seconded by Ms. Gauker, and approved by the Council.

**Approval of the 2022 annual board meeting schedule:**

A motion to approve the 2022 annual board meeting schedule was made by Ms. Gauker, seconded by Mr. Ferris, and approved by the Council.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hillary Krummrich
Secretary

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Note: Complete reports are a part of the Agricultural Development Council files and can be reviewed at the Planning Commission Office.
December 15, 2021

TO: Legal Advertising

FROM: Hillary Krummrich, Director

Chester County Agricultural Development Council

RE: 2022 Schedule of Chester County Agricultural Development Council Meetings

Please publish the following in the Legal Notice section of the Daily Local News as soon as possible.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regularly scheduled meetings of the Agricultural Development Council will be held with the schedule below 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania. Information about the meetings, agendas, and links to join meetings virtually, when offered, will be available on the Agricultural Development Council website www.chescofarming.org prior to the meetings. Any changes will be duly advertised. All meetings are open to the public. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to observe or participate in the proceedings, please contact Hillary Krummrich at 610-344-6285 to discuss how the Agricultural Development Council may best accommodate your needs.

The 2022 meeting dates are as follows:

• Jan 5, 2022
• Mar 2, 2022
• May 4, 2022
• Sep 7, 2022
• Nov 2, 2022

Please send proof of publication and bill to the attention of Hillary Krummrich, Esq. Director of Agricultural Development, Chester County Planning Commission, Government Services Center, Suite 270, 601 Westtown Road, P.O. Box 2747, West Chester, PA 19380-0990.