

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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**August 14, 2023
Special Meeting**

PRESENT:

Andy Chae, Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Monica Wyant, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
David Williams, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Dr. Felicia Wu, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Dr. Tim Boring, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Chae called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to order at 10:30 a.m. on August 14, 2023. Chair Chae called the roll with Commissioners Chae, Wyant, Wu and Williams and Director Boring present. Commissioner King-McAvoy was absent and excused.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONER KING-McAVOY. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 14, 2023. COMMISSIONER WU SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF JULY 26, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 26, 2023, MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TRAVEL

No official travel for the commissioners since the last meeting. All commissioners shared updates from their occupations outside of the commission.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is September 20, 2023, meeting location and time is currently to be determined.

COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO AMEND A MOTION FROM THE JULY 26 MEETING REMOVING THE WORD “SEPTEMBER” IN ORDER TO REVISIT THE DECISION OF THE COMMISSION AT THIS MEETING. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beatrice Friendlander, representing the Attorney’s for Animals, testified before the Commission.

Joscha Weese, representing For our Future Michigan, testified before the Commission.

Aaron Mahoney, representing For our Future Michigan, testified before the Commission.

Dr. Sean Wightman, from Dowagiac Michigan, testified before the Commission.

Kimberly Korona, representing the Michigan for Just Farming System, testified before the Commission.

Lauren Wittorp, from Dowagiac Michigan, testified before the Commission.

Maia Anthony, from Detroit Michigan, testified before the Commission.

Joyce Janique, from St. Clair Shores Michigan, testified before the Commission.

Susan Loterz, from the Sister Lakes area, testified before the Commission.

Ciarra Low testified before the commission.

APPEAL OF THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES SITE SUITABILITY DETERMINATION FOR SILVER CREEK POULTRY, LLC:

No additional information was requested by the commission.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMISSIONER WYANT MOVED TO APPROVE MDARD’S SITE SUITABILITY DETERMINATION. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER WYANT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Attachments:

- A) *Agenda*
- B) *Agriculture and Rural Development Commission Meeting Minutes July 26, 2023*
- C) *Appeal from Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s suitability determination dated May 8, 2023, of Silver Creek Poultry, LLC Livestock Production Facility siting request submitted by Protect Sister Lakes and community members*

- D) *Professional committee report – appeal of the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices Site Suitability determination for Silver Creek Poultry, LLC*
- E) *Public Testimony*