

SOLANO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Meeting called to order at 3:10 by Chair Lester.

Members Present: Russ Lester, Moira Burke, Jeff Dittmer, Lisa Howard, Ian Anderson, Craig Leathers, Barbara Comfort

Members Absent: Al Medvitz, Jennifer King, Bruce Brazelton

Guests Present: Ed King, Agricultural Commissioner; Priscilla Yeane, Asst. Agricultural Commissioner; Allan Calder, Planning Manager; Misty Kaltreider, Water and Natural Resources Program Manager; Morgan Doran, UCCE; Teri Knight, NCRS; Matt Tuggle, Public Works Engineering Manager; Nancy Nelson, CAOs Office; Amy Sharp and Danette Mercado, District 5 Aides; Jim Laughlin, County Counsel.

Teleconference Meeting Resolution: Previously adopted resolution on February 22, 2022 covers for this meeting. Committee agreed for April's meeting to continue via teleconference.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved with no additions or deletions.

Review/Approval February 9, 22 & 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved as prepared.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on recent Board of Supervisor's activity:

- Will not place a proposed sales tax increase to support fire prevention efforts on the June ballot, but will work with city and rural fire districts further in anticipation of placing the measure on the November 2022 ballot.
- Adopted an updated multijurisdictional County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Introduced a noise ordinance that prevents loud noise (above 65db at property line between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.). Agricultural activities are exempt.
- Adopted support positions on AB 1773—Williamson Act subvention funding and AB 1620—creation of a Broomrape Control Board within CDFA.

B. Update on recent Planning Commission activity:

- Continuation of a duck club rebuild in the Suisun Marsh until April 7th for further negotiations regarding access and maintenance easement between two adjacent properties.
- F.P. Smith Copart ag equipment site improvement hearing scheduled for March 17th.

C. Review of proposed agricultural zoning text amendments to Chapter 28 of the Solano County Code (ZT- 21-03) and consider recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Approved an ad hoc committee of Lisa, Ian, Barbara Russ and Jeff to draft a recommendation

letter to the Board noting concerns regarding:

- IAS zoning (Dixon Triangle) uses;
- Aligning brewery and distillery requirements with rules for wineries including size and local product use;
- Retaining requirements for ag research to be subordinate to ag occurring on a given parcel; and,
- Restrictions on location and sizing of greenhouses similar to other ag facilities like wineries, ag processing and animal facilities in the county.

D. Consider recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding agricultural elements of Use Permit Application No. U-20-04: Turpin Special Event Facility located at 2208 Morrison Lane, Fairfield, APN: 0153-140-240, in the "A-SV-20" Agriculture-Suisun Valley Zoning District.

Continuation of permit appeal scheduled for March 22. No action taken.

E. 2022 Committee Goals
Deferred to next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE – April 13, 2022

MEETING ADJOURNED – 5:13 PM