

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Special SADC Meeting

January 16, 2025

Secretary Wengryn called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Mr. Roohr read the notice stating that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.

Roll call indicated the following:

Members Present

Secretary Wengryn, Chairman
Scott Ellis
Charles Rosen
Gina Fischetti
Lauren Procida
Pete Johnson
Richard Norz
Brian Schilling

Members Absent

Martin Bullock
Tiffany Bohlin
Julie Krause

Charles Roohr, SADC Deputy Executive Director
Jay Stypinski, Esq., Deputy Attorney General

Old Business

- A. Soil Protection Standards – Authorization to publish adoption of Subchapters 25 and 25A

Chairman Wengryn stated the purpose of the meeting is to review the Attorney General's advice and vote on the authorization to publish adoption of the Soil Protection Standards, subchapters 25 and 25A.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:14 a.m. Mr. Roohr read the following resolution to go into Closed Session:

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, it is hereby resolved that the SADC shall now go into executive session to discuss advice from the Attorney General's Office regarding the pending soil protection standards and Quaker Valley Farms litigation; and to discuss any other matters under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) that arose during the public portion of the meeting. The minutes of such meeting shall remain confidential until the Committee determines that the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

It was moved by Mr. Schilling and seconded by Mr. Norz to go into closed session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Rosen and seconded by Ms. Procida to adopt the Soil Protection Standards.

Mr. Norz stated he has concerns about the rule providing leniency to past violations.

Chairman Wengryn stated that section 25.5a provides that past soil disturbance that was a deed of easement violation is not impacted by the rule and remains a violation, and that the rule does not affect existing notices of deed violations issued by the agency.

A roll call was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Roohr, Deputy Executive Director
State Agriculture Development Committee