

**Maryland Food Center Authority
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting**

7801 Oceano Avenue
Jessup, Maryland 20794
April 8, 2021

Present:

Steve Fanaroff, Chair
Gail Yeiser
Irina Falletta
April Richardson
Ryan Phillips
Carlton Brown

Wendy Scott-Napier, Assistant Secretary, for Ellington Churchill, Secretary, Department of General Services

Mark Powell, Ag Marketing Specialist, Maryland's Best, for Joseph Bartenfelder, Secretary, Department of Agriculture

Dr. Darren Jarboe, for Dr. Craig Beyrouthy, Dean and Director, University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mark Petrauskas, Assistant Attorney General

Dr. Donald J. Darnall, Executive Director, MFCA
Angela Hopkins, Senior Director of Real Estate and Finance, MFCA
Peggy Torre, Executive Projects Coordinator, MFCA

Meeting Convened

Dr. Donald Darnall called Members of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Food Center Authority (MFCA) to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2021.

I. Regular Session

A. Approval of Minutes

- No minutes were available for approval at this meeting.

B. Easement

- Dr. Donald Darnall advised the Board that Howard County was seeking an easement on a portion of our property required to update their sewer system. They need to install a parallel line next to the existing line, and already have an easement for the existing sewer system. The total acreage is about .06 acres and the amount they are offering is \$11,600. This value was based on an independent appraisal. Dr. Donald Darnall asked our Board member, Mr. Ryan Phillips to review this appraisal, as he is a professional appraiser. Mr. Ryan Phillips explained to the other Board members he did review the appraisal and is comfortable with the values. The easement area is low lying, wooded, potentially wet and does not appear to be developable. Howard County advised they will access the easement off Dorsey Run Road and at Route 1. The County has agreed to plant vegetation at the two entrance points following the completion of their project, to prevent future illicit dumping. Additionally, the County has agreed that any potential damage done to the stream bed during the course of their project would be restored by the County. For Howard County to obtain this easement, the Maryland Food Center Authority is statutorily required to seek approval from the MFCA Board of Directors, and if approved, is then required to seek approval from the Maryland Board of Public Works. A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Phillips and seconded by Mr. Carlton Brown to approve an easement to Howard County in exchange for \$11,600 for this sewer project. The motion was unanimously approved. **At the June 11, 2021 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Steve Fanaroff to approve the April 8, 2021, Authority Meeting with an amendment to approve both easements**

with Howard County Government for their Sewer Project. The additional easement was for \$34,200, the initial approval was for \$11,600, which brings both easements to a total of \$45,800. (Both easements were subsequently submitted to and approved by the Board of Public Works), seconded by Ms. Gail Yeiser and unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Gail Yeiser, seconded by Dr. Darren Jarboe and unanimously approved.