

Maryland Food Center Authority
Board of Directors Meeting – Hybrid Zoom/In-Person
7801 Oceano Avenue
Jessup, Maryland 20794
September 15, 2022

Present:

Steve Fanaroff, Chair
April Richardson
Ryan Phillips
Gail Yeiser
Carlton Brown
Jim Eichhorst

Emily Gontrum, for the Honorable Peter Franchot, Comptroller

Mark Powell, 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
Trevett Freeman, Senior Accountant, MFCA
Peggy Torre, Executive Projects Coordinator, MFCA

Meeting Convened

Mr. Steven Fanaroff called the members of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Food Center Authority (MFCA) to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2022, and the new members

and old members introduced themselves. Afterward, the new procedures for Live Streaming were reviewed with the Board. This is a legislative requirement beginning October 1, 2022.

I. Regular Session

A. Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Jim Eichhorst to accept the Minutes from the June 16, 2022, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mark Powell and unanimously approved.

B. MFCA Updates

- Dr. Donald Darnall gave an update to the Board on the project to extend the back docks at the Produce Market. The architectural team has taken all measurements necessary to prepare as-builts of the market. The architects have now started working on the schematic design phase. Our hope is to have more information from them for the next Board meeting.

- Dr. Donald Darnall advised the Board that the replacement of the roof on the Maryland Market Center was going well. We are very happy with the contractor thus far. Ms. Angela Hopkins advised the Board that the contractor was an minority business owned company.

- The Board was notified that one of our longest standing members, Mr. Jerry Klasmeier, from the Comptroller's office, passed away. We intend to plant a tree at a future Board meeting to commemorate his many years of hard work on our Board.

- Mr. Mark Powell asked for an update for the Anaerobic Digester. Dr. Donald Darnall advised that we did have a recent odor problem at the facility. We met with BioEnergy Devco representatives to address the problem. We have started delivering truckloads of waste to

the facility. One of the issues is proper training for all the different tenants on our Market on how to separate trash to ensure the load is accepted by the facility. BioEnergy Devco did attend a Tenant Advisory Board meeting (not all tenants were in attendance) and gave instructions on how to separate their waste. More training needs to be done in this area by BioEnergy Devco. The digester is not yet fully operational, and BioEnergy Devco must train all companies that are bringing their waste to the Digester, in addition to our tenants.

- Ms. Angela Hopkins provided the Board with an occupancy update. We are currently 100% occupied, with 29 companies on the wait list.
- Ms. Angela Hopkins advised the Board that our Independent Audit is underway, and she expects to present our Financial Statements and Budgets at our next Board meeting.
- Mr. Darren Jarboe made a motion to accept the R & D's for the Produce Market and Maryland Market Center for May 2022. Ms. April Richardson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

II. Executive Session Dr. Donald Darnall requested a motion to move into Executive Session under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) “To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.” And “To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the state.”, as well as ending the Regular Session and to adjourn the Regular Session portion of the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Eichhorst, seconded by Mr. Carlton Brown, and unanimously approved.