

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

7801 Oceano Avenue
Jessup, Maryland 20794
September 9, 2021

Present:

Steve Fanaroff, Chair
April Richardson
Susan Summers
Gail Yeiser
Irina Falletta
Carlton Brown
Kerry Greer

Jerry Klasmeier, for the Honorable Peter Franchot, Comptroller

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
Trevett Freeman, Senior Accountant, 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 September 9, 2021.

I. Regular Session

A. Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Klasmeier to accept the Minutes from the June 11, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Brown and unanimously approved.

B. MFCA Updates

- Dr. Donald Darnall updated the Board on the progress of the BioEnergy Devco Anaerobic Digester being constructed on MFCA property that is leased to BioEnergy Devco. This included discussion for MFCA to provide an easement to BGE so that BGE equipment can be placed on-site to convert collected food waste to CNG. A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Klasmeier to approve a right of way easement for BGE, and for Dr. Donald Darnall to sign the easement, motion was seconded by Ms. Gail Yeiser. Unanimously approved. The MFCA/BGE easement will now go to the Board of Public Works for their approval.

- Dr. Donald Darnall gave an update to the Board on the Maryland Food for Maryland Institutions. This is a piece of legislation that has been approved by the Maryland State Legislature, which is meant to make it easier for Maryland farmers to sell direct to Maryland Public Institutions. Dr. Darnall explained that a location for one of the planned cold storage/commercial processing facilities was found in Montgomery County. Dr. Donald Darnall met with those heading this effort to tour the building. Dr. Donald Darnall reached out to the architectural firm we use regularly to see if the building could be converted for this purpose, and to get a rough cost estimate. Mr. Steven Fanaroff asked if we need a financial commitment from

the Board, and Dr. Donald Darnall informed that we are just paying the architectural firm at this point for the rough estimate. Dr. Donald Darnall will update the Board when we know more.

- Ms. Gail Yeiser made a motion to accept the R & D's for the Produce Market and Maryland Market Center. Dr. Darren Jarboe seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Kerry Greer, seconded by Mr. Jerry Klasmeier, and unanimously approved.