

**FINAL MINUTES
AMADOR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019**

The meeting of the Amador County Agricultural Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room C at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, by Chair John Allen.

The following members were present:

John Allen, District 4 (Chair)
Dan Port, District 2 (Vice Chair)
Patty Bautista, Assessor's Office
Eric Mayberry, Agriculture Commissioner
David Bassett, District 1
Earl Curtis, Planning Commission

Also in attendance:

Chuck Beatty, Planning Department
Mary Ann Manges, Recording Secretary
Michael Collier
Bob Bowers

- A. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- B. PUBLIC MATTERS AND PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the April, 2018 were unanimously approved following a motion by Dan Port, seconded by David Bassett. Minutes of the January, 2019 were unanimously approved following a motion by David Bassett, seconded by Dan Port.

AGENDA ITEMS

- ITEM 1. ITEM NO.1** - Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding a request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of two parcels totaling 100.45 acres, submitted by Michael F. Collier (APNs 014-150-038 and 014-150-039).

Chair John Allen reviewed the application submitted by the applicant and asked the applicant to explain the request in more detail.

Michael Collier explained that he owns two parcels totaling 100 acres along Tyler Road that are used for cattle grazing, and leases an additional 100 acres adjacent to his property for the same purpose. He has no development plans for the parcels

and would like to enjoy the tax benefits of contractually limiting them to agricultural use.

Patty Bautista reported that APN 014-150-039 met the Williamson Act improvements criteria with a barns, well, and fencing. The other parcel, APN 014-150-038, with only a well and fencing does not meet the improvement requirements. Combined, they would meet the requirements.

Mr. Beatty noted that the Williamson Act applications request the Assessor's Office to combine the parcels with a single APN after the contract is recorded.

General discussion between the Committee and Mr. Collier followed regarding the income potential for the parcels. Ultimately, the Committee agreed that the combined parcels exceeded the income potential required by the County to enter into a Williamson Act contract.

Upon a motion by David Bassett, seconded by Dan Port, and carried, the Committee found that the proposal met the requirements of County Code Section 19.24.036(D)(3) for parcels at least 100 acres but less than 160 acres, subject to the conditional that the parcels be merged.

AYES: Bassett, Allen, Port, Curtis, Bautista, Mayberry

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

There being no further business, Chair Allen adjourned the meeting 5:43 p.m.



John Allen, Chairman



Chuck Beatty, Planning Director