



Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board - Oct 08 2026 Agenda

Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 12:00 PM

26737 Radio Station Way, Suite C., Leonardtown, MD THIS AGENDA IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE A part or all of the meeting may be conducted in closed session

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order

2. ROLL CALL

- A. Confirmation of Quorum (2 minutes)
 - Scott Bacon, Forestry, 3rd term expires 12/31/2030
 - Ben Beale, Ex Officio University of Maryland Extension
 - Bonnie Browne, Community Member, 1st term expires 12/31/2029
 - John Delozier, Agriculture, 1st term expires 12/31/2030
 - Kaitlin Fraer, Community Member, 1st term expires 6/30/2029
 - Zachary Garnes, Member, 1st term expires 6/30/2031
 - Sydney Garner, Ex Officio St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development
 - Connie Gunn, Real Estate Community Representative, 1st term expires 12/31/2029
 - Priscilla Leitch, Agriculture, 1st term expires 12/31/2029
 - Erin Melanson, Agriculture, 1st term expires 12/31/2030
 - James Moore, Agriculture, 1st term expires 6/30/2027
 - Jeffrey Pharis, Seafood, 1st term expires 6/30/2030
 - Alan Polk, Forestry, 2nd term expires 12/31/2029
 - Robert Wentworth, 1st term expires 6/30/2031
 - Bruce Young, Ex Officio St. Mary's County Soil Conservation District

- B. Welcome Guests (2 minutes)

3. Approval of Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2026 Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board Meeting.

4. PRESENTATION

- A. Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) (15 minutes)
 - Overview of current programs, grants and other funding opportunities available to local

producers and businesses.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agricultural Reconciliation Committee (5 minutes)
Subcommittee membership includes John Delozier, Kaitlin Fraer, Connie Gunn, Erin Melanson, and Jeff Pharis
- B. Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board (5 minutes)
Subcommittee membership includes Scott Bacon, John Delozier, Priscilla Leitch, James Moore, and Alan Polk

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Agriculture Updates (5 minutes)
- B. Seafood/Aquaculture Updates (5 minutes)
- C. Forestry Updates (5 minutes)
- D. Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Updates (5 minutes)
- E. Rural Legacy Updates (5 minutes)
- F. Farmers Market Updates (5 minutes)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Proposal Deadline: October 2, 2026
- B. Board Member Open Comment Period (15 minutes)
- C. Partner Updates - time permitting (5 minutes)

8. ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the October 8, 2026 Agriculture, Seafood, and Forestry Board Meeting

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact Lisa Ledman at 240-309-4021. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act.