

AT A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND FOUR, AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5249 OLDE TOWNE ROAD, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.

1. Roll Call

Members Present

Mr. A. Bradshaw
Mr. R. Bradshaw
Mr. Ford
Ms. Garrett
Mr. Gilley
Mr. Hunt
Mr. Meadows
Mr. Richardson
Ms. Smith

Members Excused

Ms. Lowe

Also Present

Mr. Matthew Arcieri

2. Minutes

Minutes from June 9, 2004 were approved on a motion by Mr. Jack Hunt.

3. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

4. Case Discussion

AFD-1-94. Williamsburg Farms Withdrawal

Mr. Arcieri presented the staff report and recommended that the AFD Advisory Committee recommend denial of the proposed withdrawal of 6 acres. Staff's reason for this recommendation was that the proposal was not consistent with the Board of Supervisors Policy for withdrawals inside the PSA which states that a minimum of 75 acres must be withdrawn. Ms. Garret stated her concerns with property owners holding property inside the PSA in an AFD for tax breaks. Mr. Ford noted that the applicant would have to pay five years rollback in taxes plus penalty in interest. Mr. Patrick Duffler of the Williamsburg Winery provided the Committee with a brief overview of current operations and noted that the withdrawal was to be turned into four single family lots, the sale of which will help pay down the Winery's debt. He stated that it was not his intention to disrupt the Board's withdrawal policy. Mr. Ford noted that taking out 75 acres only to add back in 68 created extra work and since the proposal satisfied two criteria he supported it. Ms. Smith stated she felt the Committee should honor the Board's policy and she was concerned about the precedent it would set to allow the smaller withdrawal. Mr. Meadows concurred with Ms. Smith. Mr. Richard Bradshaw noted that under state law land could not be added back into the district for a period of 12 months at which time the district would be close to its January 2006 renewal. He also noted he felt the Committee should uphold the Board's policy. Mr. Vernon Geddy noted that the applicant had looked at withdrawal in January 2006 but needed the money this year to pay down debt. Following a motion to approve by Mr. Gilley the Committee recommended against approval of the proposed subdivision, by a

vote of 6-3. Mr. Geddy offered to withdraw 75 acres to be consistent with the Board of Supervisors policy. Mr. Richard Bradshaw noted that the applicant's taxes on withdrawing the additional land would not be affected provided the land withdrawn was actively cultivated. Mr. Andy Bradshaw and Mr. Ford asked that the Committee first see a plat of the proposed 75 acre withdrawal prior to voting for approval. Mr. Ford noted that it appeared the Committee would support the 75 acre withdrawal. There being no further discussion the Committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at 4 p.m. to consider the amended proposal.

5. New Business

No old business was discussed.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Gilley adjourned the meeting at 4:43 P.M.

Robert E. Gilley, Chairman

Matthew Arcieri, Planner