

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 25, 2021

**MINUTES FROM THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ONLINE ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT:	Chair	David Morgan
	Members	Raquel Kolof Barbara Seed Erin Dutton Gerald Rainville
ALSO PRESENT:	Electoral Area F Director	Mark Hiltz (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Electoral Area E Director	Donna McMahon (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	GM, Planning & Community Development Planner 1/Senior Planner	Ian Hall Julie Clark
	ALC Application 61646 (SCRD ALR00015)	Darrell Zbeetnoff (Guest)
	ALC Application 61646 Representatives	Chris Danroth (Guest) Geoff Hughes-Games (Guest)
	Recording Secretary	Genevieve Dixon
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REGRETS:	Members	Paul Nash Faye Kiewitz Jon Bell

David Morgan assumed the role of Chair for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER 3:32 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as received

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 AAC Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that the meeting minutes of April 27, 2021 be approved as presented.

REPORTSALC Application 61646 (SCRD ALR00015)

Key points of discussion:

- Staff introduced report to the committee and corrected typographical error in report – correct application number is 61641.
- Final soil assessment report was received by staff on May 21, 2021. No material changes from the draft report.
- Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) regulation defines fill.
- Asphalt is considered a prohibited fill by the ALC.

Regarding the property, the applicant stated:

- Two separate berms on the property hold all the salvaged top soil from the fill sites
- The top of one berm is growing garlic, the other cleared areas is growing various types of vegetables, a large chicken run with 100 chickens and pigs in another area.
- The applicant noted the fill that was put in was screened and sized road mulch and the cover was heated-in-place asphalt cover. The hard surface is needed for the greenhouse
- the fill was carefully chosen, purchase receipts can be provided.
Five shipping containers on site used for storage.

The applicant's agrologist noted:

- Provided an overview of the methods for soil / draining analysis.
- In their professional opinion the fill is an acceptable use for the site
- The purpose of the soil analysis was confirm agricultural capability, not provide nutrient management planning
- The purpose of the drainage comments was to provide a conceptual plan for draining the property, not an implementation plan or regulatory review. Further catchment ponds are possible.
- Fill area is around 3-4% of the site.
- In the winter a sub drainage plan could buffer for storm water flow for a perennial crop and that will improve the growth into the summer. Drainage would be a drought-proofing mechanism. Water could be used that comes off the asphalt pad.

Recommendation No. 2 *ALC Application 61646 (SCRD ALR00015)*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends the SCRD receive more information from the applicant regarding ALC Application 61646 (SCRD ALR00015).

NEXT MEETING June 22, 2021

ADJOURNMENT 5:00 p.m.