



# SOMERSET COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

*Dedicated to our Friend and Founding Chairman Thomas R. Everett*

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*"Committed to Preserving Farmland & Enhancing the Industry of Agriculture in Somerset County"*

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- Laura DePrado
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- Kenneth Osterman
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- Christopher Kelly  
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- Matthew D'Alessandro  
*Somerset / Union  
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District Manager*

## Somerset County Agriculture Development Board Staff

- Matthew D. Loper, P.E.  
*Director, Department of  
Engineering and Planning*
- Katelyn A. Katzer  
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**Monday, August 26, 2024 at 8:15am**

**Somerset County Commissioner Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Somerset County Administration Building  
20 Grove Street, Somerville

## MEETING AGENDA

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

### ROLL CALL

<b>Mark W. Kirby, Chair</b>	<b>W. Peter Staats, Vice-Chair</b>
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SCADB Regular Meeting – July 22, 2024

### PUBLIC COMMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

*\*Please note, public comment is limited to five minutes per person unless extended by the Chair\**

1. Firmenich Farm SSAMP Request – Anthony Todaro, Esq.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. SADC Meeting – Update
  - a. Formula Value Presentation – Chuck Roohr
2. County/State Boards of Agriculture – Update
3. Staff Comments

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Hidden Spring Lavender and Alpaca Barn Request – Montgomery
2. Abma's Farm RTF Complaint– Hillsborough
3. Closed Session
4. Results and Actions from Closed Session
5. Adjournment

**Next SCADB Meeting is Monday September 23, 2024 at 8:15am.\***

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Attorney Guidance/Potential Litigation:
2. Current/Potential Negotiations:
3. Potential & Current DOE Violations:
  - a. Axcel Farm - Hillsborough
4. Right to Farm:
  - a. Abma's Farm RTF Complaint – Hillsborough
  - b. Firmenich Farm SSAMP Request – Montgomery
5. Requests Before the Board:
  - a. SADC Check-in – Chuck Roohr
  - b. Hidden Spring Lavender and Alpaca Barn Request – Montgomery
  - c. Norz Hill Barn Request – Hillsborough
6. Closed Session Minutes: