



# 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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**Monday, September 23, 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 – To be approved in October

### PUBLIC COMMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

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

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. SADC Meeting – Update
2. County/State Boards of Agriculture – Update
3. Staff Comments

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Firmenich Farm SSAMP Request - Montgomery
2. Hidden Spring Lavender and Alpaca Barn Request – Montgomery
3. Abma's Farm RTF Complaint– Hillsborough
4. Axcel Farm Violation – Hillsborough
5. Mueller Farm – Hillsborough
6. House Farm RTF - Montgomery
7. Closed Session
8. Results and Actions from Closed Session
9. Adjournment

**Next SCADB Meeting is Monday October 28, 2024 at 8:15am.\***

**CLOSED SESSION**

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