

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2024-18**

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2024

Title of Resolution: Appointment—Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board- Clay Stubbs and Brandon Van Bibber

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Clay Stubbs with a term to expire on August 1, 2029, and Brandon Van Bibber with a term to expire on August 1, 2027 to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: October 1, 2024

Scheduled for consideration on: October 15, 2024

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by October 1, 2024 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on October 15, 2024.

By: _____
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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, Agriculture Article, Subtitle 5. Maryland Agricultural
2 Land Preservation Foundation, Section 2-504.1, an Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board shall be appointed by
3 the elected body by each county, which has productive agricultural land; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board shall consist of five members, at least three of
5 whom shall be owner-operators of commercial farms who earn fifty percent or more of their income from farming;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, each member of the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board shall be appointed for a term of
8 office of five years, and no member shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the duties of the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board shall be to advise the county
10 governing body with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts and the approval of purchases of
11 easements by the Foundation within the county, to review the status of agricultural districts and land under
12 easement, to advise the Foundation concerning county priorities for agricultural preservation, to approve
13 applications by the county for certification, to promote preservation of agriculture within the county; and to meet
14 at least annually with forest conservation district boards in order to work cooperatively to encourage the
15 promotion and retention of farmland and woodland in their jurisdictions; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Article 4, Section 412 (b) of the Charter of Cecil County provides, except as provided in Section
17 412(c) or prescribed by State law or other provisions, that the County Executive shall appoint all members of boards
18 and commissions, subject to confirmation by the Council; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive approves the appointment of Clay Stubbs who will be replacing Norman
20 Anderson, with a term to expire on August 1, 2029, and Brandon Van Bibber who will replace Shelley Hastings, with
21 a term to expire on August 1, 2027 to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**
23 that the County Council confirms the appointment of Clay Stubbs whose term will expire on August 1, 2029, and
24 Brandon Van Bibber whose term will expire on August 1, 2027 to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all provisions of this Resolution shall take effect on the date that the
26 Resolution is adopted by the Council.

INTRODUCED: October 1, 2024

ADOPTED:

President of the Council

ATTEST

Council Manager