

**AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California.

**Members Present:** Paul Hain - Chairperson, Mark Wright, Paul Wattis, Sergio Garcia, and Jim Pacheco.

**Members Absent:** Joe Morris

**County Staff Present:** Tom Slavich - Assessor  
Barbara Thompson - County Counsel

- A) Tom Slavich, County Assessor acknowledged the Agenda was posted at various locations.
- B) Paul Wattis made a motion to approve the May 7, 2020 minutes as mailed. Jim Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- C) Public Comment - None.

**REGULAR AGENDA -**

**1) COMPATIBLE USE REQUEST -**

- A) Grace Ranches LLC / Andreini Trust - This Agricultural Preserve consists of 1853 acres under LCA Contract 68-21. The request is to construct 20 small guest cabins and have the ranch serve as an Event Center for corporate retreats and special events such as weddings along with outdoor recreation activities for guests.

A motion was made by Paul Wattis that the Committee hereby makes the finding that this request meets the criteria of San Benito County Code §19.01.021 (D) and, §19.01.023 (A), (B)(2), (7), (15), (C) & (F), and California Government Code 51238.1 and that the Committee recommends the Board of Supervisors approve this Compatible Use Request.

It was seconded by Sergio Garcia and passed unanimously.

- B) **Porteur** - This Agricultural Preserve consists of 181+ acres under LCA Contract 86-903. The request is to have a fenced in area for an Internet Relay Station with an 8' x 10' storage shed to house networking equipment & battery system along with a solar array, generator & propane tanks to provide power.

A motion was made by Jim Pacheco that the Committee hereby makes the finding that this request meets the criteria of San Benito County Code §19.01.021 (D) and §19.01.023 (A), (B)(5), (15), (C) & (F), and California Government Code 51238.1 and that the Committee recommends the Board of Supervisors approve this Compatible Use Request.

It was seconded by Mark Wright and passed unanimously.

2) **DIVISION REQUEST**

- A) **Las Aguilas LLC / Slack & Riley LLC** - This Agricultural preserve consists of 33,782+ acres under LCA Contract 68-033. The request is to divide the Preserve into 6 new Preserves of 500+/- acres, 400+/- acres, 3,000+/- acres, 20,300+/- acres, 1,400+/- acres, and 8204 acres.

A motion was made by Jim Pacheco that the Committee makes the finding that the newly created agricultural preserves will each meet the minimum acreage and income generation requirements, and that the request meets the criteria of San Benito Code §19.01.021 (B)(2) & (D)(1) and that the Committee recommends the Board of Supervisors approve this division request.

It was seconded by Mark Wright and passed. Paul Wattis recused himself from voting on this division request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Tom J. Slavich, Assessor  
Acting Secretary of the Agricultural  
Preserve Advisory Committee

