



# 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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**Tuesday, November 24, 2025, 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>Debbie Norz, Vice Chair</b>
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SCADB Regular Meeting – October 27, 2025

***Held to December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting***

### 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. Axcel Farm – Hillsborough Twp.
2. Naturally Nurturing – Hillsborough Twp.
3. RTF – Howard Farm – Montgomery Twp.
4. RTF – Hidden Spring Lavender & Alpaca Farm – Montgomery Twp.
5. Monitoring 2025
6. 2026 Meeting Dates
7. 2026 Committee Assignments
8. Closed Session
9. Results and Actions from Closed Session
10. Adjournment

***Next SCADB Meeting is December 15, 2025 at 8:15am.***

***\*This meeting is on the third Monday of the month due to the holidays\****

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Attorney Guidance/Potential Litigation:
2. Current/Potential Negotiations:
3. Potential & Current DOE Violations:
  - a. Axcel Farm – Hillsborough Twp.
  - b. Naturally Nurturing – Hillsborough Twp.
4. Right to Farm:
  - a. Howard Farm – Montgomery Twp.
  - b. Hidden Spring Lavender & Alpaca Farm – Montgomery Twp.
5. Requests Before the Board:
6. Closed Session Minutes: