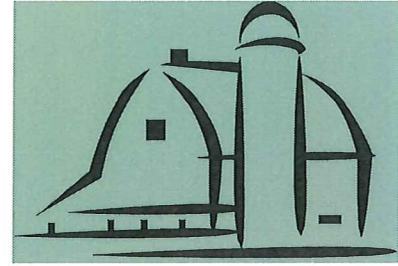


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Greene County Farmland Preservation Minutes

April 19, 2017 at 8:00 am
GCCD Conference Room
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CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, David Shipman at 8:00 a.m. in the GCCD conference room.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

Members Present-- Dave Shipman, Vice Chairman; Rick Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Jim Willis; Richard Belding; and Chris Eisiminger.

Staff

Karlie Wright, Agricultural Technician, GCCD; April Brummage, Ag and E & S Technician, GCCD

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Thistlethwaite read the Treasurer's report as follows:

1. FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$10,155.96
2. Easement Funds – \$250,492.85
 - a. Dept. of Agriculture – \$218,814.75
 - b. County of Greene – \$31,678.10
3. Funds requiring year end encumbrment by 12/31/17 - \$0.00

A motion was made by Jim Willis to accept the treasurer's report as read. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion Passed)

Board of Directors: William Cree III, Chairman; David Shipman, Vice-Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Charles Day, Secretary; Richard Belding; James Willis; Corbly Orndorff; Chris Eisiminger; Commissioner Archie Trader

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Wright mentioned that the State Ethics forms were due April 30th, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Public Notices/Advertisements for Application Period

Ms. Wright stated that the Board might want to consider additional public notices and advertisements for the Board's application period from January – December 2017. The Board discussed advertising in June and September, but Mr. Belding wanted to know which form of advertisement worked the best. Ms. Wright stated that she wasn't sure, but know that we get good feedback from both the newspaper and radio. Mr. Belding suggested that the Board advertise in June in both the paper and on WANB, but wait and see which forms to use for September.

A motion was made by Richard Belding to advertise for one week on WANB in and June and release a public notice for the 2017 Farmland Preservation Application Period. Richard Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

2017 GCFLP Agricultural Easements

Ms. Wright reviewed the current applications:

Dominick Barbetta #1 (79.175ac)

Morgan Township, 114 Barbetta Lane, Clarksville

Donald Bruckner #1 (212.76ac)

Jefferson Township, 220 Valley View Rd, Jefferson

Schedule Farm Visits for New Applicants

Ms. Wright suggested that since the Board will not have much new business in the upcoming meetings, that they go ahead and complete the LESA scoring at the applications are completed.

A motion was made by Richard Thistlethwaite to schedule farm visits at the Barbetta and Bruckner farms starting at 10:00 AM on the day of our next meeting – May 17th, 2017. The visits will be followed by lunch and business meeting at the Hartley Inn in Carmichaels, PA. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion Passed)

2016 GCFLP Agricultural Easements (Update)

William A. Cree, Jr. and Lura Ann Cree #2 (57.35ac) – LESA Score: 43.37 – accepted offer

Needs completed:

- Need to update Conservation Plan – completed; on Conservation District meeting agenda for April 25th.
- Send notification letters to adjoining landowners.

- Upload incidental costs form.

David K. Bell #1 (87.78 ac) – LESA Score: 38.81 – accepted offer

Needs Completed:

- Complete a conservation plan – in progress.
- Send notification letters for adjoining landowners.
- Upload incidental costs form.

OUTREACH

The Board discussed Whitely Township ASA and getting that Township involved. Chris suggested setting up a meeting with Bradley Eisiminger and going from there.

STAFF REPORTS

Karlie Wright and April Brummage discussed their staff reports that were submitted to the Board.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2017 – 10:00 AM Farm Visits followed by lunch and business meeting at the Hartley Inn.

ADJOURNMENT

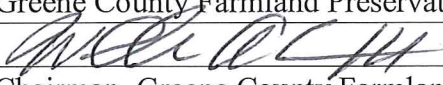
A motion was made by Richard Thistlethwaite to adjourn the meeting. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,

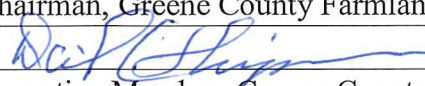
Karlie Wright
Agricultural Technician

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on May 17, 2017.



Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation



Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation