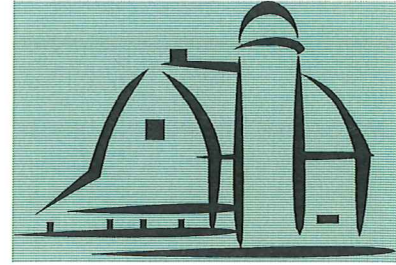


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Greene County Farmland Preservation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
**March 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM**  
GCCD Conference Room  
22 West High Street, Suite 204  
Waynesburg, PA

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order by William Cree III at 1:11 PM in the GCCD Conference Room.

Those in attendance were as followed:

**Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members:**

William Cree III- Chairman; David Shipman- Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer;  
Mike Belding- Commissioner; and Corbly Orndorff via call in.

Staff and Guests:

Ben Schweiger, Agricultural Conservation Specialist; Sara Hlatky, Nutrient Management  
Conservation Specialist

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Mike Belding to approve January 20, 2021 meeting minutes.  
David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*A motion was made by David Shipman to approve of the treasurer's report as read. Corbly  
Orndorff seconded. (Motion passed)*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Dominick & Kimberly Barbetta #1 (79.175 ac.) – LESA score: 50.97**

Mr. Schweiger stated the completed title work has not been received for the Barbetta #1 Farm.  
The title work is actively being completed by Mr. Hook. Mr. Schweiger will be contacting Mr.  
Hook for updates on the status of the title.

**2021 Allocation of Funds- PA Department of Agriculture**

Mr. Schweiger explained the 2021 Allocation of Funds was received: \$6,678.00 from the county and \$58,164.00 from the state. A copy of the 2021 Allocations was included in the meeting packet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Dominick & Kimberly Barbetta #1 (79.175 ac.) – LESA score: 50.97**

Mr. Schweiger explained the easement amount for the Barbetta farm is \$237,510.00 and estimated incidentals are \$5,000.00. Insufficient funds are available to move forward with the encumbrment, \$36,021.91 is the difference needed, once funds are available the process can move forward.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

Mr. Schweiger explained how without enough funds to move forward and the suspended application period there has been no business required to have meetings. Farm inspections occur in October and upcoming yearly preparation of financials and board occur in December.

*A motion was made by David Shipman to cancel all future scheduled Farmland Preservation meetings besides October and December unless business is required. Mike Belding seconded. (motion passed)*

### **Application Period Suspension Extension**

Because of the lack of funds, the Board cannot accept new applications at this time.

*A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to extend the application period. Richard Thistlethwaite seconded. (motion passed)*

## **OUTREACH**

### **GreeneScene Outreach Article**

Mr. Schweiger explained the District would like to release an article in the GreeneScene about the Farmland Preservation Program. The article will note although the application period is suspended landowners can inquire about eligibility.

*Richard Thistlethwaite made a motion for an article to be released in the GreeneScene about Farmland Preservation. David Shipman seconded. (motion passed)*

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Lisa Snider- Ms. Snider stated she has been working on the financials. Additionally, contacted Mr. Hook in regards to the continuing usage of his services for FLP easements however she has not heard back from him to be able to have a discussion.

Ben Schweiger- Mr. Schweiger stated he has been working with the state to be sure all required documents have been submitted.

Sara Hlatky- Ms. Hlatky had nothing additional to add to her staff report.

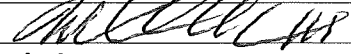
**Next Meeting Date:** October 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM- Farm Inspections; 1:00 PM meeting at GCCD Conference Room

## **ADJOURNMENT**

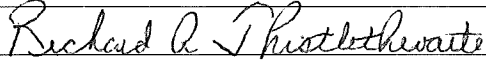
*A motion was made by Mike Belding to adjourn the meeting at 1:18PM. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)*

**MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation



Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation