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Greene County Farmland Preservation
Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 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 1:04 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; Charles Day, Secretary; Mike Belding- Commissioner; Richard Belding; James Willis, and Corbly Orndorff

#### Staff and Guests:

Lisa Snider, District Director; Ben Schweiger, Agricultural Conservation Specialist; Sara Hlatky, Nutrient Management Conservation Specialist

## REORGANIZATION

The 2020 Slate of Officers were as followed; William Cree III- Chairman; David Shipman-Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer; Charles Day- Secretary.

At the November 19, 2020 Commissioners meeting Richard Belding and James Willis were reappointed as Farmer Members to the G.C. Farmland Preservation Board. Terms will expire on 12/31/2023. Additionally, William Cree III, Chairman was reappointed. Term will expire on 12/31/2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belding to retain the slate of 2020 Officers for 2021. James Willis seconded. (Motion passed)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by David Shipman to approve October 21, 2020 meeting minutes. Richard Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion passed)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve of the treasurer's report as read. James Willis seconded. (Motion passed)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

### William A. Cree, Jr. & Lura Ann Cree #3 (83.029 ac.)- LESA Score: 59.47

Mr. Schweiger stated the settlement for the Cree #3 farm was held on November 25, 2020 at Hook and Hook Law Firm. The process was completed and the first installment was issued. Four installments still remain to be issued. The total easement purchase was for \$249,090.00 and the incidentals have been applied for (\$3,139.71).

#### **NEW 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.

Title Search—Pending
W-9 – Completed
Percent Ownership—Completed
Appraisal release form— Completed
Good Faith Payment—Completed
Offer Letter – Accepted
Plot by Miles Davin – Completed
Appraisal by Jim Kelly – Completed
Conservation Plan – Pending
Agreement of Sale- Pending

## **2021 Meeting Dates**

The 2021 Meeting Dates and times were reviewed by the board.

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve of the supplied 2021 Meeting Dates and Times. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)

Certification of County Funds for 2021 Program Year

Mr. Schweiger explained the District received the Certification of County Funds for 2021 Program Year from the Bureau of Farmland Preservation. The certification was forwarded to the Greene County Commissioners to be completed.

#### **OUTREACH**

No outreach.

#### 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: February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 PM at GCCD Conference Room

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by James Willis 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 March 7, 2020.
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Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
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Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation