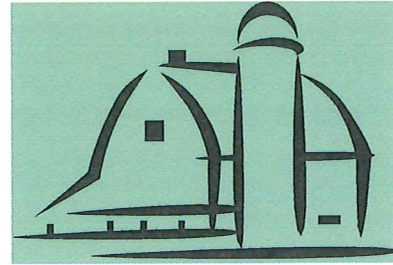


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Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM
GCCD Conference Room
22 West High Street, Suite 204
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by David Shipman at 1:00PM in the GCCD conference room.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

Members Present—David Shipman-Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite-Treasurer; Charles Day, Secretary; Chris Eisiminger; Commissioner Mike Belding

Staff and Guests

Lisa Snider, District Manager, GCCD; Ben Schweiger, Conservation Technician, GCCD; Sara Hlatky, Conservation Technician, GCCD

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action)

A motion was made by Richard Thistlethwaite to approve January 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (motion passed)

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report read by Richard Thistlethwaite.

A motion was made by Mike Belding to approve the treasurer's report. Charles Day seconded. (motion passed)

V. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schweiger explained the items listed in the agenda (W-9 forms, percent ownership form, appraisal release form, good faith payment, offer letter, plot, appraisal and conservation plan) are all completed. The title search is currently in the process of being completed because of the update of the parcel being added to the Cumberland Township ASA.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dominick and Kimberly Barbetta #1 (79.175 ac.) – LESA score: 50.97
Mr. Schwiger explained that previously at the January board meeting the discussion occurred that Douglas Wolfgang from the Department of Agriculture stated the title was considered acceptable by the state and the district can move forward if they so choose. It was unclear at that time whether or not the farm would need reranked. Mr. Wolfgang stated the farm does not need to be reranked and the district can move forward with the current ranking.

A motion was made by Charles Day to move forward with the farm encumbrment. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (motion passed)

2. William A. Cree, Jr. and Lura Ann Cree #3 (83.029 ac.) – LESA Score: 59.47
Mr. Schweiger explained how the state granted an extension under the circumstances of the updates required for the title search based on the addition of the parcel. The title search update can be made once the parcel is recorded by Cumberland Township. There was a misunderstanding that the township would require a meeting however the scheduled meeting was delayed, but then it was understood an update would only be needed. Mr. Hook and Cumberland Township are actively working on this and will be processed soon. The farm encumbrment is still planned to meet the states April board meeting.

3. Phillips Farm

Mr. Schweiger explained one of the farmers in the program, Mr. Phillips had passed away. Mr. Schweiger and Ms. Hlatky will be scheduling a meeting with Mrs. Phillips to discuss the status of the farm and if any changes will need to be made based on management. It is the understanding there are employees managing the farm currently and there should not be an issue in correlation to the program requirements. However, a meeting will be made with Mrs. Phillips to go over the requirements of the program and discuss any changes.

VIII. OUTREACH

Ms. Snider stated the public will be notified the district is currently accepting applications for Farmland Preservation. This notice will be added to the district's newsletter and will be put into local newspapers. The application period will be over at the end of April, if there are no applications received the application period will be extended another 90-days.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

1. Lisa Snider
Ms. Snider explained there was nothing to add to her staff report included in the meeting packet.
2. Ben Schweiger
Mr. Schweiger explained there was nothing to add to his staff report included in the meeting packet.
3. Sara Hlatky
Ms. Hlatky explained the only update to her staff report is she sent out the recommendation for approval for the Washington County Conservation plan.

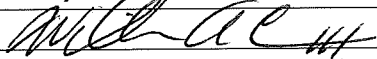
X. **Next Meeting Date:** March 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM at GCCD Conference Room

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

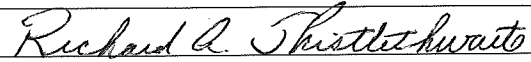
A motion was made by Mike Belding to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 PM. Charles Day seconded. (motion passed)

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on August 19, 2020.



Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation



Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation