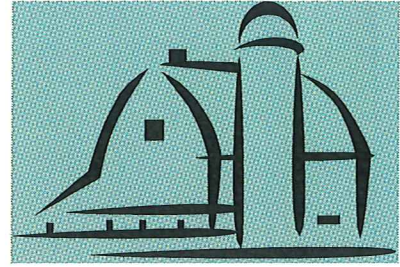


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Greene County Farmland Preservation Minutes
January 17th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Greene County Conservation District Conference Room
Waynesburg, PA

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, William A. Cree, III at 7:02 p.m. at the Greene County Conservation District Conference room.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

Members Present—Bill Cree, III, Chairman; Dave Shipman, Vice Chairman; Rick Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Archie Trader, Greene County Commissioner; Chris Eisiminger, Director and Jim Willis, Director.

Staff

Lisa Snider, District Manager, GCCD; Karlie Wright, Agricultural Technician, GCCD

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. William A. Cree, III, Chairman
- b. David Shipman, Vice Chairman
- c. Richard Thistlethwaite, Treasurer
- d. Charles Day, Secretary

A motion was made by Archie Trader to re-elect all officers for 2018. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by David Shipman to approve the minutes of the October 11th, 2017 meeting minutes. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

1. FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$13,830.96
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 - \$218,814.75

A motion was made by Archie Trader to accept the treasurer's report as read. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCE

Dan Fischman from Bankson Engineers emailed Karlie Wright concerning a water line going through Carmichaels Borough, Greensboro Borough, and Monongahela Township. As been requested before, Mr. Fischman requested information regarding whether or not preserved farmland or Agricultural Security Areas would be affected. In this case, the water line will not be going through any ASAs or preserved land. Ms. Wright drafted a letter for Mr. Fischman stating that no areas would be affected.

OLD BUSINESS

At the October 19th, 2017 Commissioners meeting, William A. Cree, III, Richard Belding, and James Willis were all reappointed to GCFLP Board of Directors for 3 year terms. At the same meeting, William A. Cree, III was reappointed as the Board Chairman for 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Notices for FLP Application Period

The Board discussed where and how frequently to put out application notices for the 2018 round. The Board members discussed in addition to putting the notice in the paper twice this year, to also putting it on WANB radio, GCCDs quarterly newsletter, and mailing postcards to all ASA members.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Archie Trader to advertise the application period in the paper in January and July 2018 with corresponding ads on WANB radio, notices in each of GCCD's newsletters in 2018, and to mail notification postcards to all ASA members. David Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

2018 Meeting Dates and Times

The Board discussed changing meeting times for the year to meet both Ms. Wright's schedule and the demands of farming during the spring and summer months.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Chris Eisiminger to have the February to April at 7:00 PM, the May to September, and November meetings at 8:00 AM, the yearly inspections at the October meeting at 10:00 AM, and the December meeting at Thistlethwaite Vineyard's at 5:30 PM. Rick Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

2016 GCFLP Agricultural Easements

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

The Cree’s farm has been paid for and recorded. GCFLP is waiting for the final incidental costs check.

David K. Bell #1 (87.78 acres) – LESA Score: 38.81

Mr. Bell has the accepted offer. This easement was approved at the State Board meeting on October 12, 2017. GCFLP is waiting for the closing packet and checks for closing.

2017 GCFLP Agricultural Easements

Dominick Barbetta #1 (79.175 acres) – LESA Score 50.97
Morgan Township, 114 Barbetta Lane, Clarksville

Donald Bruckner #1 (212.76 acres) – LESA Score 32.75
Jefferson Township, 220 Valley View Rd, Jefferson

The Barbetta Farm ranks #1 for the 2017 application round and the Bruckner farm ranked #2. The Board discussed moving forward with both farms.

Dave Shipman made a motion to send letters of intent to move forward with both farms. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)

OUTREACH

Ms. Snider mentioned that she was working on the Annual Report. Chris Eisiminger mentioned applying for an ASA in Whiteley Township.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no additions.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Greene County Conservation District.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Shipman to adjourn the meeting. Rick Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Karlie Wright
Agricultural Technican

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on Feb. 21, 2018.

Richard A. Thistlethwaite

Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation

Archie Trader

Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation