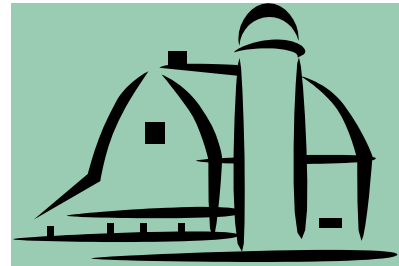


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Greene County Farmland Preservation
Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM
GCCD Conference Room
22 West High Street, Suite 204
Waynesburg, PA

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by William Cree III at 2:04 PM at Greene County Conservation District Conference Room.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

Members Present— William Cree III-Chairman; David Shipman-Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite-Treasurer; Corbin Orndoff; Chris Eisiminger; Richard Belding; and Archie Trader, Greene County Commissioner.

Staff and Guests

Lisa Snider, District Manager, GCCD; Ben Schweiger, Conservation Technician, GCCD; Sara Hlatky, Conservation Technician, GCCD; and April Morris, Fiscal Officer, GCCD.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rick Thistlethwaite to approve January 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the treasurer's report. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion passed)

CORRESPONDENCE

State Ethics Form

Mr. Cree noted the forms need to be completed and turned in by end of April 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Encumbering William Milesky's Farm

Mr. Schweiger stated all items have been completed and submitted to the State Board Meeting for approval on February 21, 2019.

Mr. Orndoff inquired what happens next once the State Board Meeting is approved? Ms. Snider stated once approved the State Treasurer will issue a check to Mr. Milesky which can take seven to eight months for Mr. Milesky to receive.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertising for extended application period

Mr. Schweiger stated he spoke with the state and Farmland Preservations Bylaws need changed for the application period to be extended on a regular basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trader to change the bylaws for application period extensions. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

Mr. Orndoff stated there is \$148,000.00 left to encumber by the end of 2019. The application period is ending March 1, 2019. Corbin mentioned extending the filing period for Easements.

A motion was made by Corbin Orndoff to extend the current application period to April 1, 2019. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

Mr. Schweiger noted he is hoping to receive one application. Mr. Cree added that another application may be in the works also.

OUTREACH

Whitley Township updates

Mr. Schweiger stated he met with the township and a committee for ASA is being created and Mr. Schweiger is helping with this process.

Mr. Eisiminiger stated they have some members assigned for the ASA committee including Carl Graham, Clint Butcher, and Chris Eisiminger. Mr. Eisiminiger noted a need for one more public member.

Mr. Orndoff asked how creating this committee works? Ms. Snider noted that a meeting needs to happen once every seven years to discuss any issues, update members, and record keeping regarding the farms preserved.

Ms. Snider noted the Greene County did a certification of funds for Farmland Preservation and \$7000-\$8000 was sent to state.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports discussed.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

March 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM – Greene County Conservation District Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 PM. Rick Thistlewaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,

<u>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</u>
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on _____, 2019.
Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation