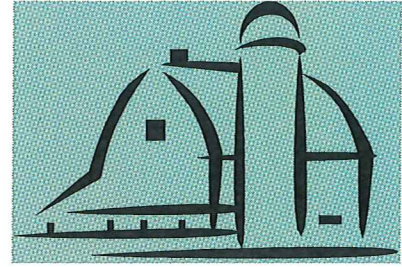


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Greene County Farmland Preservation Minutes
February 21st, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Greene County Conservation District Conference Room
Waynesburg, PA

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, David Shipman at 7:04 p.m. at the Greene County Conservation District Conference room.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

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

Staff

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve the minutes of the January 17th, 2018 meeting minutes. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$15,669.58
2. Easement Funds – \$409,189.50
 - a. Dept. of Agriculture – \$371,721.40
 - b. County of Greene – \$37,468.10
3. Funds requiring year end encumbrment by 12/31/17 - \$218,814.75

A motion was made by Jim Willis to accept the treasurer's report as read. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Wright stated that she received the 2018 allocation of fund from the PA Department of Agriculture. The Greene County Farmland Preservation Board has been allocated \$154,669.00 for 2018. These funds will need to be encumbered by December 31, 2019. Also, the County Commissioners have allocated \$5,790.00 to the Board. These allocations account for the differences in Easement funding from last month.

OLD BUSINESS

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 of \$837.35. Ms. Wright had to send additional paperwork the beginning of February and is expecting the check to be sent soon.

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

This easement was approved at the State Board meeting on October 12, 2017. GCFLP received the Bell closing packet on Friday, February 16th, 2018. Ms. Snider notified our attorney, Greg Hook, the county solicitor, Cheryl Cowen, chief clerk, Jeff Marshall, and the acting controller, Carol Gooden. Mr. Hook will be out of town the week of February 25th, but would like to get something set up within the coming weeks based on Mr. Bell's schedule as he lives out of town.

NEW BUSINESS

Surface Coal Mine Rights Ownership

The Board discussed the issue of surface coal rights and that we are continually working on projects in which case the landowner believes they own the surface coal rights. Frequently, the landowners have their attorney look at their title, but it does not always prove to be successful. Members discussed having our attorney, Greg Hook, complete a cursory non-comprehensive preliminary review when the applicant submits their \$50.00 fee and application. Pending, this non-comprehensive and non-binding review, with the Board complete the applicant's ranking process.

A motion was made by Jim Willis to add a "cursory non-comprehensive preliminary" review to Greene County Farmland Preservation's Application and bylaws pending review from our attorney and the State Farmland Preservation Board. Rick Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

2017 GCFLP Agricultural Easements

Dominick Barbetta #1 (79.175 acres) – LESA Score 50.97

Morgan Township, 114 Barbetta Lane, Clarksville

Barbetta's were concerned with their surface coal right ownership even though their lawyer looked at the deeds. After a poll of the Board was taken, attorney Greg Hook was asked to complete a preliminary title search of the deed. Greg Hook found that the Barbetta's do not own their surface coal rights and, therefore, are ineligible for farmland preservation.

Jim Willis made a motion to send a letter to Dominick and Kimberly Barbetta to request them to inform the Board of their decision to either withdraw or pursue ownership. Rick Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

Donald Bruckner #1 (212.76 acres) – LESA Score 32.75

Jefferson Township, 220 Valley View Rd, Jefferson

Ms. Wright noted that that following forms were submitted by Bruckner's: Good Faith Deposit, Appraisal Release Form, Percent Ownership Form, and W-9. After receiving the results from the Barbetta farm, the Board was polled again to have Greg Hook complete a preliminary review of the Bruckner deed. Greg Hook did not find anything at this time.

Richard Belding made a motion a to move forward with the Bruckner easement as needed for completion. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)

Archie Trader made a formal motion to have the Barbetta and Bruckner deeds looked at by Greg Hook. Richard Belding 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

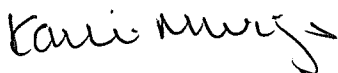
There were no additions.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Richard Belding to adjourn the meeting. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Karlie Wright

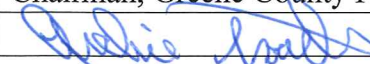
Karlie Wright
Agricultural Technician

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 21, 2018.



Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation



Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation