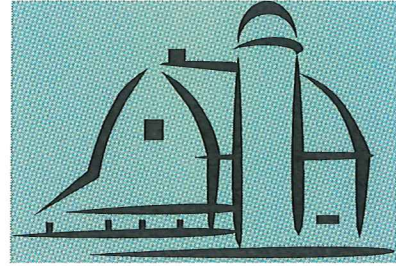


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Greene County Farmland Preservation Minutes
March 21st, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Greene County Conservation District Conference Room
Waynesburg, PA

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Cree, III at 7:01 p.m. at the Greene County Conservation District Conference room.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

Members Present—Bill Cree, III, Chairman; Rick Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Archie Trader, Greene County Commissioner; Chris Eisiminger, Director; Corbly Orndorff, 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 Jim Willis to approve the minutes of the February 21st, 2018 meeting minutes. Rick Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$17,551.47
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 - \$217,052.40

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Wright stated there was no correspondence to share at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 GCFLP Agricultural Easements

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

As stated at the last meeting as well, 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 closed and recorded on March 14th, 2018. Ms. Wright will be sending in a letter for additional incidental costs before the next meeting for this property as well. The amount should be similar to the Cree farm request.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 GCFLP Agricultural Easements

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

Jefferson Township, 220 Valley View Rd, Jefferson

1. Title Search – pending Greg Hook
2. W-9 – Received
3. Percent Ownership – Received
4. Appraisal Release Form – Received
5. \$2,000 Good Faith Payment – Received
6. Offer Letter – Pending appraisal and approval
7. Plot – Needs Completed – Miles Davin
8. Appraisal – Needs Completed – Jim Kelley
9. Conservation Plan – Needs Completed – Phil Evans

Items Necessary for Encumbering by 12/31/18:

1. Tax map with Parcel Numbers – Pending
2. Appraisal Report – Pending
3. Soils Map Labeled/color coded – Pending
4. Soils Section C – Pending
5. Soil Classifications – Pending
6. Narrative Summary Section – Pending
7. Land Owner Application -Completed
8. Topographic Map – Pending

9. Status Table Farm Ranking Worksheet – Pending
10. Title Commitment with Exceptions – Pending
11. Agreement of Sale with Exhibits A-E – Pending

Ms. Wright stated that Greg Hook was working on Title Search currently and once a clear title is confirmed, we will move forward with the traverse calculations and appraisal.

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

Ms. Wright stated that the Board received a letter from Barbetta's that they are intending to obtain ownership of their surface coal rights. The letter also stated that they were ready to begin the advertising portion of the quiet title process.

Bylaw Modification to be submitted to PA Department of Agriculture for Approval

Ms. Wright stated the following changes were made to the GCFLP Bylaws per request of the Board: On page 15 after the bullet - "Name or names of the owners of the mineral rights." The following was added – "Once an application and fee is received by staff the Farmland Preservation Board Solicitor will conduct a preliminary review of surface coal ownership. If the solicitor deems that the surface coal rights are retained by the applicant then an application can be accepted for ranking. If the coal rights are not retained that application is responsible to obtain the ownership to obtain the ownership prior to continuing the application process." Additionally, the names and term dates of the Board members were updated.

OUTREACH

Ms. Snider mentioned that the annual report was completed and should be sent out soon. Also, that there would be newsletter coming out in April.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no additions.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Greene County Conservation District.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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 June 20th, 2018.

David Shipman

Vice Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation

Dave Shipman

Charles R. Day

Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation