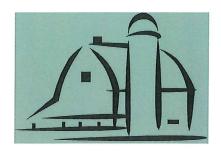
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# Greene County Farmland Preservation Minutes

May 17, 2017 at 12:00 pm GCCD Conference Room 22 West High Street, Suite 204 Waynesburg, PA 15370

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Cree, III at 12:00 p.m. at the Hartley Inn in Carmichaels.

## **Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members**

Members Present—Bill Cree, III, Chairman; Dave Shipman, Vice Chairman; Rick Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Charlie Day, Treasurer; Jim Willis; Richard Belding; Corbly Orndorff; and Chris Eisiminger.

### Staff

Karlie Wright, Agricultural Technician; GCCD; April Brummage, Ag and E & S Technician, GCCD; Lisa Snider, District Manager, GCCD

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Willis to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes. David Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- 1. FLP Board Fundraising Account \$10,155.96
- 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 encumberment by 12/31/17 \$0.00

## A motion was made by Richard Belding to accept the treasurer's report as read. Charlie Day seconded. (Motion Passed)

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Wright discussed her resignation from the District effective August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She will be returning to school for Agriculture Extension and Education.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Wright mentioned that the State Ethics forms were due April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and since Mr. Orndorff's was on file with the township, all the forms had been submitted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **2017 GCFLP Agricultural Easements**

Prior to the meeting, the Board visited both farms that have applied so far and completed their LESA scores.

## Dominick Barbetta #1 (79.175ac)

Morgan Township, 114 Barbetta Lane, Clarksville

The Barbetta farm's LESA score could not be completed because the farmer was not able to be present to answer necessary questions to complete the score.

#### Donald Bruckner #1 (212.76ac)

Jefferson Township, 220 Valley View Rd, Jefferson

The Bruckner farm scored a 32.75 on their LESA score. Chairman, Bill Cree, is going to talk to the Bruckner's about splitting their farm into parcels to sell.

## 2016 GCFLP Agricultural Easements (Update)

William A. Cree, Jr. and Lura Ann Cree #2 (57.35ac) – LESA Score: 43.37 – accepted offer Needs completed:

- Need to update Conservation Plan completed; on Conservation District meeting agenda for April 25th.
- Send notification letters to adjoining landowners.
- Upload incidental costs form.

David K. Bell #1 (87.78 ac) – LESA Score: 38.81 – accepted offer

**Needs Completed:** 

- Complete a conservation plan in progress.
- Send notification letters for adjoining landowners.
- Upload incidental costs form.

#### **OUTREACH**

Ms. Wright mentioned the need to send out postcards to ASA's for the application period. Karlie, April, and Jared will be attending the Sheep and Fiber Fest and the staff will also be

working at the Jacktown and Greene County Fair. Additionally, the Board discussed setting up a meeting with Bradley Eisiminger to set up an ASA in Whitley Township.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Karlie Wright and April Brummage discussed their staff reports that were submitted to the Board.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2017 – 8:00 AM GCCD Conference Room

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by David Shipman to adjourn the meeting. Jim Willis 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 10/11, 2017.
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Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
has the
Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation