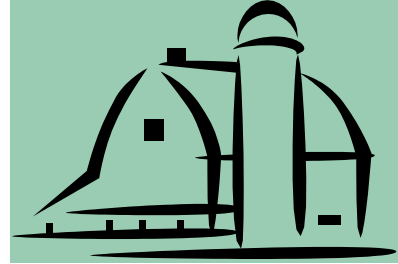


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Greene County Farmland Preservation Minutes  
**June 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.**  
Greene County Conservation District Conference Room  
Waynesburg, PA

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order by David Shipman at 8:00 a.m. at the Greene County Conservation District Conference room.

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

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

**Staff**

Lisa Snider, District Manager, GCCD; Karlie Wright, Agricultural Technician, GCCD; Michaela Hildreth, Conservation Technician, GCCD; Ben Schweiger, Conservation Technician, GCCD; Lauren Weaver, Fiscal Officer, GCCD.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***A motion was made by Jim Willis to approve the minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)***

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

1. FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$17,323.97
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 12/31/18 - \$217,052.40

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ms. Wright mentioned that Crystal Simmons from the Greene County Development Block Grant Program requested letters for two water line projects confirming that agricultural activity would not be affected. There will be a water line replacement on Stoney Hill Road and a water line extension on Bedillion Road. Ms. Wright stated that she wrote these letters using the same format that Board has in the past for similar requests.
2. Ms. Wright received an email that she wanted to share with the Board. Pennsylvania has preserved over 550,000 acres of Farmland to date and still leading the nation in preserved farmland.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2016 GCFLP Agricultural Easements**

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

Ms. Wright stated that we are still waiting on the final incidental costs from the state for Cree's easement. They were hoping the checks would be out by the first half of July. Commissioner Trader asked how much we should be received and Ms. Wright answered about \$800.00.

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

Ms. Wright stated that the Bell's documents had to be re-recorded and were done so the beginning of May per the request of the State FLP. This cost and extra \$167.50. She also stated that additional incidental costs were requested.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2018 GCFLP Application Period – Advertising**

Ms. Wright discussed with the Board that GCCD staff worked on putting an article in our newsletter for our application period. However, she wanted to discuss other options with the Board. She said that they can mail postcards to any landowner with more than 50 acres, put an ad in the GreeneScene and/or run more Ads on WANB. Ms. Snider added that the Conservation District would fund these advertisements. Following a brief discussion, the Board wanted to move forward with the GreeneScene ad and WANB advertisements, as well as the postcard mailing.

***A motion was made by Archie Trader to put in ad in the GreeneScene and run an ad on WANB for 5 days per week and 3 times per day and extend up to 4 weeks based on responses, as well as send out postcards. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)***

## **2017 GCFLP Applications**

*Donald Bruckner #1 (212.76 ac.) – LESA Score: 32.75*

Ms. Wright discussed the current issues with the Bruckner deed. She stated that currently there is a damage settlement agreement on the property that would allow the coal mine to do about anything to the property they wanted. Mr. Hook does not believe that it is a good idea to move forward with this property until Bruckner's have some sort of agreement with the coal company that they have no interest in surface mining on the property. Ms. Wright stated that she will schedule to have meeting with them with Chairman, Bill Cree, to talk to them about these issues.

*Dominick and Kimberly Barbetta #1 (79.175 ac.) – LESA Score: 50.97*

Ms. Wright stated that Barbetta's are hoping to know by June 21<sup>st</sup> if they will receive back ownership of their surface mineral rights. Ms. Wright discussed with the Board if they wanted to move forward with the title search right away if this ownership was received.

***A motion was made by Richard Thistlethwaite to proceed with the title search and other necessary steps to move forward with encumbering the Barbetta property. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)***

**OUTREACH**

Enough applications have been submitted to there to be an ASA creation in Whiteley Township. Ms. Wright stated that she is working on scheduling an appointment with Whiteley Township to go over the next steps of this process.

**STAFF REPORTS**

There were no additions.

**Next Meeting: July 18, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at Greene County Conservation District Conference Room.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Richard Belding to adjourn the meeting. James Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)*

Respectfully submitted,

Karlie Wright  
*Agricultural Technician*

<b><u>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</u></b>
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on _____, 2018.
Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation