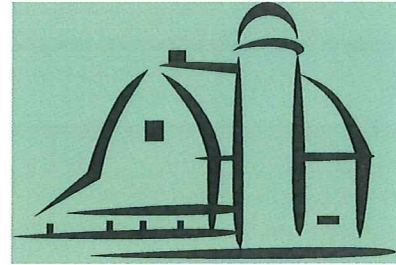


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Greene County Farmland Preservation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
**August 19, 2020 at 8:30 AM**  
**GCCD Conference Room (Masks Required)**  
**22 West High Street, Suite 204**  
**Waynesburg, PA**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order by William Cree III at 8:36 AM in the GCCD Conference Room.

Those in attendance were as follows:

**GREENE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD (GCFLP) MEMBERS**

Members Present- William Cree III-Chairman; David Shipman- Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer; Richard Belding; James Willis and Corbly Orndorff.

**STAFF AND GUESTS**

Lisa Snider-District Manager; Ben Schweiger-Conservation Technician; and Sara Hlatky-Conservation Technician.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by David Shipman to approve February 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion passed)*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve the treasurer's report. Corbly Orndorff seconded. (Motion passed)*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Schweiger explained the William A. Cree, Jr. and Lura Ann Cree #3 (83.029 ac.) farm documents required for state approval were uploaded on the Farmland Preservation website. The state reviewed the documents and the farm was approved at the June State Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Schweiger explained the full title search for the Dominick & Kimberly Barbetta #1 (79.175 ac.) farm has not been received yet and is actively being processed by Hook & Hook Law. It is understood the delay is because of a deep vein of coal but advised it should not cause any issues

in regards to the title status within the program. Mr. Schweiger added the appraisal was received by Kelly Real Estate Appraisal Services, Inc. The value of the agricultural easement described in the report was listed as \$277,095 or 3,500 acres for 79.17 acres. A discussion was held by the FLP Board and staff regarding the limited funds available.

***A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to propose two options for the Barbetta offer; \$1,500 per acre now or \$3,000 per acre which could take multiple years in order to accumulate available funds, acreage based on plotted acreage. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)***

Mr. Schweiger explained William Milesky submitted an application to the District for a 145.64-acre parcel. Based on the title search it was concluded this parcel would not be eligible for the Farmland Preservation Program. Mr. Schweiger added, Mr. Milesky submitted an application to the District for a 186-acre parcel and the title search is being completed to determine eligibility. Discussion was held by the GCFLP Board and staff regarding applications and limited funds.

***A motion was made by David Shipman to suspend the application period until funding is available. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion passed)***

***A motion was made by Richard Belding to submit an offer letter to Greg Hook for review containing the two options as listed in the motion made by Corbly Orndorff. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion passed)***

The GCFLP Board and District staff discussed notifying Mr. Milesky of how limited funds available for Farmland Preservation effects the application he submitted for the 186-acre parcel. The application submitted will be held until the application period resumes when funds become available.

***A motion was made by Jim Willis to send a letter to William Milesky explaining the lack of funding, application suspension and his application will be held at the District until funding is available. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)***

#### **OUTREACH**

No outreach.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Lisa Snider-** Ms. Snider explained per the District Board meeting previously held, she is unsure what funding for this year means for G.C. Farmland Preservation. The G.C. FLP may need to handle additional costs in which the District normally handles, such as the title search.

**Ben Schweiger-** Mr. Schweiger stated he has been working on the 2020 GRACE program with Ms. Hlatky.

**Sara Hlatky-** Ms. Hlatky stated she has been completing farm visits for the 2020 GRACE program with Mr. Schweiger to prepare for the October board meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 16, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the GCCD Conference Room.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

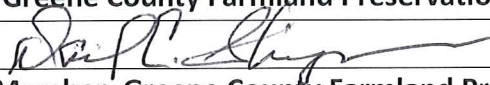
***A motion was made by David Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 AM. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion passed)***

**MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on September 23, 2020.



**Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation**



**Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation**