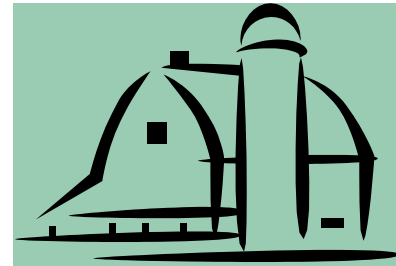


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Board Meeting Minutes  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30 AM**  
GCCD Conference Room  
22 West High Street, Suite 204  
Waynesburg, PA

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Shipman at 8:32 AM at Greene County Conservation District Conference Room.

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

Members Present—David Shipman-Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite-Treasurer; Corbin Orndorff; Chris Eisiminger; Richard Belding; Charles Day; James Willis; and Archie Trader, Greene County Commissioner.

**Staff and Guests**

Lisa Snider, District Manager, GCCD; Ben Schweiger, Conservation Technician, GCCD; Sara Hlatky, Conservation Technician, GCCD.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Archie Trader to approve February 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion passed)*

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

*A motion was made by James Willis to approve the treasurer's report. Charles Day seconded. (Motion passed)*

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Snider noted GRACE Program applications and brochures were available for board members to distribute to anyone that may benefit from the program.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Schweiger stated the bylaws have been amended and approved by the state with a deadline for applications on April 1<sup>st</sup> and in the event that no applications are received there will be a 60-day extension.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Schweiger stated the application for Mr. Cree is completed. The application for Mr. Pierce is still in process, however, is expected to be turned in within the week. The soils are the only item left to be completed once the application is submitted.

Ms. Snider added Mr. Barbetta's project is awaiting a letter from the company that holds the surface rights for the property. Once this is received Mr. Barbetta can be put back into the ranking. Ms. Snider stated once the application period is open for next year and new farms are added to the ranking any previous farms that were already ranked will need added to the new farm ranking list.

## **VIII. OUTREACH**

Ms. Snider noted Whiteley Township will be advertising for their ASA. The secretary at Whiteley has been given the information she needs to start the ASA advertising process.

## **IX. STAFF REPORTS**

### **Benjamin Schweiger**

Mr. Schweiger stated he had been doing preparation for the manure management plan workshops over the past month. The first workshop was completed on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with six farmers attending and four of the members had completed their plans. Mr. Schweiger stated during farm visits for GRACE the manure management plans and Farmland Preservation are being brought up more to let farmers know these programs are available.

### **Sara Hlatky**

Ms. Hlatky stated in addition to what Mr. Schweiger stated she has been attending the Nutrient Management trainings the past month.

### **Lisa Snider**

Ms. Snider stated she has been talking with Greg Hook prior to the county signing his salary contract. Mr. Hook has been working on farm title searches and that a portion of his salary was paid through the Conservation District funds.

Mr. Shipman questioned if the Milesky Farm was officially completed. Ms. Snider stated it is finished with the Conservation Office but is awaiting the state final approvals.

Ms. Snider asked the board for additional townships that may need an ASA. A brief discussion with the board had listed Morris Township, Gray Township and Perry Township. Ms. Snider already spoke with Gilmore Township in regards to an ASA.

X. **Next Meeting Date:** June 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM at the GCCD Conference Room

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**  
*A motion was made by Archie Trader to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 AM.  
Chris Eisiminger seconded.*

Respectfully submitted,

<b><u>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</u></b>
<b>We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on _____, 2019.</b>
<b>Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation</b>
<b>Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation</b>