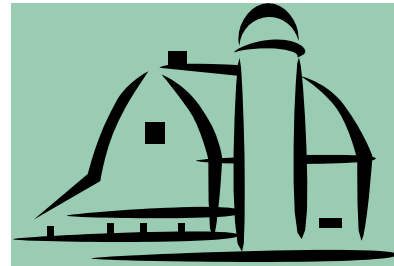


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Board Meeting Minutes
June 19th, 2019 at 8:30 AM
GCCD Conference Room
22 West High Street, Suite 204
Waynesburg, PA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Dave Shipman at 8:35 AM at Greene County Conservation District Conference Room.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

Members Present—William Cree-Chairman; David Shipman-Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite-Treasurer; 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

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. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion passed)

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Snider explained the Greene County Community Development Block Grant Program and noted that there would be no interference with any preserved farmland from this project.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schweiger stated that Mr. Cree's Farmland Preservation Application was completed along with the site evaluation and soils information.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schweiger stated the application for Mr. Pierce is completed. Site inspections and soils data worksheets have been completed for the applications of Mr. Cree, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Barbetta. However, Greg Hook recently brought up the fact that the previous owners of Mr. Pierce's tract reserved their surface coal rights. Therefore, Mr. Pierce will need to try to work with them to get a quiet title in order to still be eligible for Farmland Preservation. Mr. Barbetta is also in the process of obtaining his surface coal rights.

Ms. Snider added that we cannot officially rank the farms due to the surface coal rights issues on 2 of the farms, and that the deadline for FLP applications is the end of June this year. She also noted that Mr. Shipman just submitted an application for this year's program and that the board could make a site inspection in the time before the next board meeting.

Mr. Schweiger also stated the Greene County FLP Board is up for its 7-year review and recertification this year. Any major changes to our program would have to be submitted with the recertification. Mr. Schweiger and Ms. Snider asked the board to think of any changes they might want to make to the program.

After adjournment of the meeting, the board decided to open the meeting back up to discuss a program change.

A motion was made by David Shipman to increase the program's maximum easement value from \$2,000 per acre to \$3,000 per acre. Charles Day seconded. (Motion passed)

VIII. OUTREACH

None

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Benjamin Schweiger

Mr. Schweiger stated he has been working on completing soils data sheets, mapping, and filling out all necessary information on the current FLP applications. He also stated that He has been mostly busy with GRACE items and farm visits.

Sara Hlatky

Was not present for the meeting due to her Nutrient Management testing.

Lisa Snider

Ms. Snider had nothing to add to her staff report.

X. **Next Meeting Date:** July 17th at 8:30AM at the GCCD Conference Room

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Archie Trader to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 AM.
Richard Belding seconded.*

Respectfully submitted,

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