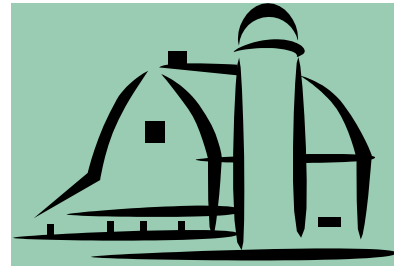


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Greene County Farmland Preservation  
Board Meeting Agenda  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 PM**  
GCCD Conference Room  
22 West High Street, Suite 204  
Waynesburg, PA

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

The meeting was called to order by William Cree at 1:01 PM 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; Charles Day-Secretary; James Willis; Corbly Orndorff; Richard Belding; and Archie Trader, Greene County Commissioner.

**Staff and Guests**

Lisa Snider, District Manager, GCCD; Ben Schweiger, Conservation Technician, GCCD; Sara Hlatky, Conservation Technician, GCCD; April Morris, Fiscal Officer, GCCD.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Trader to approve July 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)*

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Received good faith payment from Cree Farm. Mr. Schweiger gave an update on the status of the Barbeta farm. He explained the attorney Mr. Hook is waiting to hear back from the title insurance company.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Farm Inspections for Cree 1 and 2, Bell, and Harry. The committee will meet at 10:00am November 20, 2019 at the Cree Farm to begin inspections for all farms

Board of Directors: William Cree III, Chairman; David Shipman, Vice-Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Charles Day, Secretary; Richard Belding; James Willis; Corbly Orndorff; Chris Eisiminger; Commissioner Archie Trader

listed. The monthly Farmland Preservation meeting will follow the inspections at the Greene County Conservation District Conference Room at 1:00pm.

Mr. Schweiger explained an offer would need to be made for the Cree encumbrerment as noted in advance in the agenda.

***A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to move forward with the Cree application for farmland preservation at \$3,000 per acre. Archie Trader seconded. (Motion passed)***

Mr. Schweiger asked the board if there were any suggestions for changes to the program for the seven-year review. Mr. Orndorff asked about the timeline for reviewing farms for compliance. Ms. Snider explained there is a two-year rotation with the farms for this process. Then Mr. Schweiger explained the recommended changes given to the board from the state. The changes recommended to the bylaws are as followed:

- A. Mr. Schweiger explained how submitting inspection reports is no longer required unless there is a violation. The state no longer requires copies of inspection reports each year, they only require a summary of how many, which easements, and if there were any violations. If there is a violation then the state would need a copy of the report.

***A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to not require notification to the landowner if there is no violation. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)***

- B. Mr. Schweiger explained how the state recommended the county board to adopt the new language change as a result of the passing of Act 33. Language changes under the *inspections, construction of one additional residential structure* and the *subdivision of restricted land sections*.

***A motion was made by David Shipman to adopt the language change as a result of the passing of Act 33 into the bylaws. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion passed)***

#### **VIII. OUTREACH**

Ms. Snider stated the Annual Banquet is December 11, 2019 with GCCD Monthly meeting beginning at 4:00pm, Farmland Preservation Meeting at 4:30pm, and the banquet is set to begin at 5:00pm.

#### **IX. STAFF REPORTS**

##### **Lisa Snider**

Ms. Snider explained she has been working on the expenses report for the end of fiscal year and beginning the farmland budget to cover Mr. Hook and advertising funds.

##### **Ben Schweiger**

Mr. Schweiger mentioned he had nothing to add to his staff report. He has been working on the GRACE program and will begin moving forward with the Cree application.

**Sara Hlatky**

Ms. Hlatky mentioned she had nothing to add to her staff report. She has received a Nutrient Management Plan Review from Washington County Conservation District and has been in the process of reviewing it.

- X. **Next Meeting Date:** November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM following Farm Inspections beginning at 10:00AM.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

***A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 PM. Richard Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion passed)***

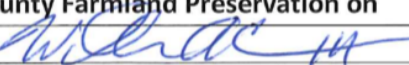
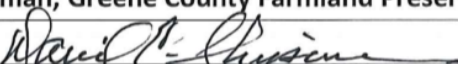
Meeting was brought back to order by William Cree to state how the distribution of funds will be issued from for the Cree Farm offer. Mr. Cree handed the meeting over to Mr. Shipman. Mr. Shipman noted a motion was needed for the distribution of funds for the Cree farm as to state and county funds. All members and staff were present except for conservation technicians Ben and Sara.

***A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to utilize all state funds in the proposed offer for the Cree farm. Archie Trader seconded. (Motion passed)***

Mr. Shipman handed the meeting back over to Mr. Cree.

***A motion was made by Richard Belding to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)***

Respectfully submitted,

<b>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</b>
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on <u>Nov. 20</u> , 2019.

Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation

Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation