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**Greene County Farmland Preservation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2020 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 David Shipman at 1:02 PM at the GCCD conference room.

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

Members Present—William Cree III- Chairman, David Shipman-Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite-Treasurer; Charles Day, Secretary, James Willis; Chris Eisiminger; Commissioner Mike Belding

**Staff and Guests**

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

**II. REORGANIZATION**

The 2019 Slate of Officers were as followed: William Cree III- Chairman, David Shipman-Vice Chairman, Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer, and Charles Day- Secretary.

***A motion was made by David Shipman to keep the same slate of officers in 2019 in the current year 2020. James Willis seconded. (motion passed)***

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action)**

***A motion was made by Richard Thistlethwaite to approve December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. David Shipman seconded. (motion passed)***

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT**

***A motion was made by Chris Eisiminger to approve the treasure's report. Charles Day seconded. (motion passed)***

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schweiger explained the list of documents provided have been completed and/or received. The list of documents included are as followed: title search, W-9, Percent Ownership, appraisal release form, good faith payment, offer letter, plot and appraisal.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

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

Ms. Snider explained the quite title was considered acceptable by the state and the district can move forward. Mr. Schweiger explained we will be reaching out to the state soon to find out if the current ranking system can be used for the Barbetta application or if the application will need to be reranked.

### William A. Cree, Jr. and Lura Ann Cree #3 (83.029 ac.) – LESA Score: 59.47

Mr. Schweiger explained the majority of the required documents are uploaded online to the Farmland Preservation database. A few noted documents that are still pending include the conservation plan and notifications to adjoining landowners. The conservation plan for the Cree farm will need to be updated with a scheduled meeting along with NRCS. Notifications to adjoining landowners will need to be sent out. Mr. Schweiger explained this parcel is still waiting approval to be added to the Cumberland Township ASA. The meeting is scheduled for February at the township.

## VIII. OUTREACH

No outreach.

## IX. STAFF REPORTS

### Lisa Snider

Ms. Snider explained she has been in contact with Jeff Marshall in regards to the status of the solicitor. The previous solicitor would review the work done for farmland. Commissioner Mike Belding was observing the meeting and stated he will look into this.

### Ben Schweiger

Mr. Schweiger explained how he has been working with the state and Greg Hook in order to make sure the Cree farm continues to move forward. He will continue to upload the remaining required documents.

### Sara Hlatky

Ms. Hlatky explained the only additions to her staff report is she completed the Nutrient Management quarterly report and she has been going on more E&S site visits with Zack.

X. **Next Meeting Date:** February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 PM at GCCD Conference Room

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

***A motion was made by James Willis to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 PM. David Shipman seconded. (motion passed)***

Respectfully submitted,

**MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on February 19, 2020.



**Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation**



**Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation**