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Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2022 at 1:00 PM
GCCD Conference Room
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 1:08 PM in the GCCD Conference Room after a quorum was reached.

Those in attendance were as followed:
Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members:
William Cree III- Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer; Mike Belding- Commissioner;
Those in attendance by phone were Dave Shipman- Vice Chairman and Corbly Orndorff

Staff and Guests:
Lisa Snider, District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski, Office Manager

REORGANIZATION
The 2021 Slate of Officers were as followed; William Cree III- Chairman; David Shipman- Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer; Charles Day- Secretary.

At the December 16, 2021 Commissioners meeting Dave Shipman and Richard Thistlethwaite were re-appointed as Member-at-Large Members to the G.C. Farmland Preservation Board. Terms will expire on 12/31/2024. Additionally, William Cree III, Chairman was reappointed as chairman and his term will expire on 12/31/2022 as chairman.

A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to retain the slate of 2021 Officers for 2022. Commissioner Belding seconded. (Motion passed)

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion was made by Commissioner Belding to approve October 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Richard Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Belding to approve of the treasurer's report as read. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Ms. Snider noted that all documents needed for encumbering funds from 2021 have been submitted to the state and accepted. At this time no further action is needed. It was noted that funds needed for completing the easement total $233,400 plus interest and incidental costs which are approximately $6,500.00 to give a total needed of $239,900.00. Approximately $25,000 will be needed to complete the easement in 2022 and the county portion of funding may need to be amended to allow for the completion this year. This will be discussed when the 2022 allocations are announced.

2022 Meeting Dates

The 2022 Meeting Dates and times were discussed by the board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belding to approve of the 2022 Meeting Dates and Times to be advertised as March 16, 2022 at 8 AM and October 19, 2022 at 10 AM to begin farm inspections, all other meetings will be advertised in the local newspaper as needed for the remainder of 2022. Richard Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion passed)

Certification of County Funds for 2022 Program Year (general discussion)

Ms. Snider reviewed the 2022 certification of funds approved by the County Commissioners and reported to the state. The county contribution this year is $5000 along with the $2,646 in clean and green roll back taxes. This has been reported to the state program so that the 2022 state allocation can be calculated.

2022 Application Round Opening

The question was raised when to open the farmland preservation program application round for 2022. FLP by-laws state that applications are accepted on a continual basis and April 1st each year is the end of the application period for that year for ranking. In the event no applications are received then the applications acceptance is extended 60 days. Discussion as to opening up this year's application period was held because the funding for the past two years has been utilized to ease one farm. The application period should be adjusted to allow time for landowners to apply and staff enough time to advertise.

A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to end the application period for 2022 on June 1, 2022 and to send notices to all ASA participants notifying them of the open application period. Richard Thistlethwaite seconded the motion. (Motion passed)

OUTREACH

No outreach.

STAFF REPORTS

Lisa Snider- staff report was mailed to directors.

Next Meeting Date: March 16th, 2022 at 8:00 AM at GCCD Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rick Thistlethwaite to adjourn the meeting at 1:19PM. Commissioner Belding 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 10/19/22, 2020.
Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation