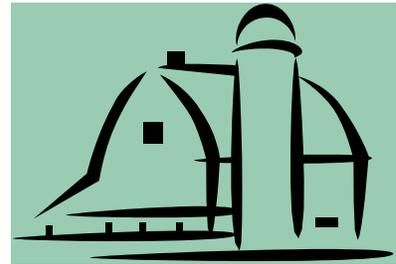


Greene County Farmland Preservation
Fort Jackson Building, Mezzanine
19 South Washington Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
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Call to Order

Meeting was called to order February 23, 2009 at 7:05 P.M at Fort Jackson Bldg Mezzanine Conference Room, Waynesburg, PA. Directors present: William Cree III, Chairman; David Shipman, Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Charlie Day, Secretary; Carl Biddle and James Willis. Staff: Laurel Rush, Agricultural Manager.

Public Comments

Reports from Cooperating Agencies and Guests:

Discussion of Staff Reports:

Laurel did not invite Archie Trader to attend our meeting because the Washington Twp ASA situation has begun to work itself out for the better. Jon Corbett was into the office to see Laurel and to the Recorder of Deeds office to record the most recent application and the two additional properties from the 2006 application. Laurel explained the process that the ASA has to go through to be recorded properly.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as presented

Motion **Carl**
2nd **David**

Approved

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	\$2,910.00	
Deposits	\$ 50.00	William Milesky application fee
Withdrawals	\$1,500.00	Cree's Appraisal fee reimbursement
Closing costs	\$ 903.75	Greg Hook (title insurance)
	\$ 400.00	Greg Hook (attorney's fees)
	\$ 10.00	Connie Nyswaner (notary's fee)
	\$ 42.50	Recorder of Deeds (ag easement deed)
	\$ 30.50	Recorder of Deeds (Subordination)
Closing Balance	\$ 73.25	

Motion **David**
2nd **Jim**

Approved

Laurel submitted a Supplemental Closing Cost Request for an additional \$76.00 to cover the Cree closing.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

The Cree Farm Status: The closing has been completed. All the documentation has been sent to the state for their review. The final title insurance is the only paperwork we are waiting on. All the final paperwork is kept in locked file in the office since it does contain confidential information.

Washington Township ASA: See staff reports.

Wayne Twp: Lee Shield has been in for an ASA book. They are trying to hold yearly Ag committee meetings.

Petery Farm:

Motion to remove the Petery request from the table

David

2nd Charlie

Approved

The board after reviewing the total closing costs, decided that they do not want to set a precedent of refunding the Appraisal Fee, since they feel first that it will cost probably at least \$1500 to find out if there are mineral right issues. Secondly the board is responsible for the expenses incurred during the process of encumbering a farm and they do not want to over extend themselves for a farm that might not go to closing. Laurel will draft a letter to notify the Petery's of the decision.

Motion to not set a precedent of refunding an appraisal fee

David

2nd Rick

Approved

2009 Easement Purchase Fund Availability:

The County met the January 31st deadline set by the state. The County and the Conservation District went together to give us \$5000.00 to use toward easement purchases in addition to the \$914 in Clean and Green rollback taxes. \$43,287.00 is the total 2009 state allocation. We have approximately \$94,889 at our disposal for encumbering a farm this year.

Reappointment of Chairman:

Bill's name has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners for reappointment, the meeting is scheduled for next week.

A letter will be drafted to appoint a new supervisor representative to the board. Corbly Orndorff and Bryan Cole are the candidates

New Business

William Milesky Farm Application: Mr. Milesky submitted an application to be considered for the 2009 application period which doesn't open until November 15. Laurel will work on making sure all the maps are attached to the application.

Motion was made to recognize the receipt of the William Milesky application.

Carl

2nd Charlie

Approved

Next meeting: March 16, 2009 @ 7 P.M @ Fort Jackson Building, Mezzanine Conference Room.

Adjournment 7:50 PM

Motion

Jim

2nd

Charlie