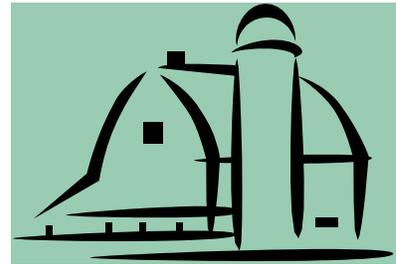


Greene County Farmland Preservation
Fort Jackson Building, Mezzanine
19 South Washington Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
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Call to Order

Meeting was called to order June 15, 2009 at 7:08 P.M at Fort Jackson Bldg Mezzanine Conference Room, Waynesburg, PA. Directors present: David Shipman, Vice Chairman; Charlie Day, Secretary; Rick Thistlethwaite, Treasurer and James Willis.
Staff: Laurel Rush, Agricultural Manager.

Public Comments

Reports from Cooperating Agencies and Guests:

Laurel reported that the NRCS office officially moved to Nickman Plaza in Fayette County. She was able to log on to the computer system in Washington.

Discussion of Staff Reports:

Laurel reported that she attended the state board meeting on June 11. Author Thomas Hylton was the roundtable speaker. Following the roundtable the PFPA has a meeting with focused topic discussions.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Motion **Jim**
2nd **Rick**

Approved

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	\$ 73.25	
Deposits	\$ 1500.00	Petery Appraisal fee
	\$ 76.00	Cree closing costs reimbursement
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00	
Closing Balance	\$ 1649.25	

Motion **Charlie**
2nd **Jim**

Approved

Correspondence:

The State of Pennsylvania has preserved 3828 farms totaling 418,880 acres as of the June 2009 meeting.

Old Business:

Washington Township ASA: June 15 was the last day to received new applications or notification of the landowner's intent to stay in the ASA as it goes through this administrative review. This will be the largest ASA in the county acreage wise and with the most landowners. Articles in the GreeneSpeak were discussed.

Petery Farm: Greg Hook has given me an update on the mineral rights for this farm. He will give us his findings in writing to provide to the landowner. It will then be their responsibility to get clear title to area to be preserved. A discussion of Quit Claim deeds followed.

William Milesky Farm Application: Nothing new

Supervisor Representative: The commissioner's accepted Leroy McGlone's resignation and appointed Corbly Orndorff, Franklin Twp. to fill his term.

Separate Bank Account for the Board:

Laurel spoke with Community Bank. They have a free business account. They would classify the account as County of Greene – Farmland Preservation.

New Business:

PFPA discussion of the State budget. The money that is earmarked for land preservation has been left intact, but it is money for state administration that has been cut.

House Bill 505 is proposing a modification to the Ag security area law. It talks about what an easement will not prevent; they have added a provision for recreational trail access (non-motorized). The PFPA will be drafting a letter to express our concerns about trail access and transferrable development rights.

Next meeting: July 20, 2009 @ 7 P.M @ Fort Jackson Building, Mezzanine Conference Room.

Adjournment 7:40 PM

Motion **Charlie**
2nd **Jim**