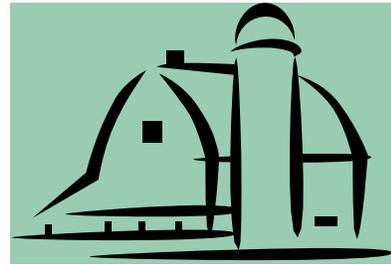


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GREENE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION
MINUTES
August 27, 2014
(with correction noted)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Cree at 6:04 p.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room, 19 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Board members present were Bill Cree, Chairman; Dave Shipman, Vice Chairman; Rick Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Archie Trader, Greene County Commissioner; Corbly Orndorff, Director; Richard Belding, Director; and Jim Willis, Director.

Staff: Laurel Rush, Ag Technician

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 meeting. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Thistlethwaite, Vice Chairman Shipman read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$7,291.40

Easement Funds – Dept. of Agriculture & County of Greene – \$34,314.56

A motion was made by Richard Belding to accept the treasurer's report as revised. Corbly Orndorff seconded. (Motion Passed)

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1. PFPA – Fall Conference – Crawford Co. 9/30- 10/2

Information was mailed on the fall conference. Ms. Rush is interested in attending the PFPA meeting on October 1.

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to pay the \$15 registration and mileage for Laurel to attend. Richard Belding Seconded. (Motion Passed)

A motion was made by Richard Belding to pay our PFPA dues of \$50 if necessary to be current in our PFPA membership. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)
CORRECTION – The Motion was corrected to “pay a \$50 registration fee and mileage” for Laurel to attend the PFPA meeting. PFPA dues for 2014 have been paid in full.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Agricultural Security Area (ASA) - Franklin, and Greene Townships**
Franklin Township – There is no update the Township continues to work to establish an ASA.

Greene Township – Ms. Rush called Greene Township; the Wilber Colvin application is past 180 days. The Solicitor for the township called and is preparing documents to be recorded in the Recorder of Deed office to add the Colvin acreage to the ASA.

Chairman Cree requested ASA program information for a neighbor.

2. **Charles Harry, (162.043 acres) Morgan Township**
 - 1) High rank & appraisal release letter (Completed)
 - 2) Title Search (Completed)
 - 3) Appraisal Report (Completed)
 - 4) Survey plot (Completed)
 - 5) Offer letter (Completed)
 - 6) Agreement of Sale (Completed)
 - 7) Closing – **Waiting on final title insurance policy**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2013 GCFLP Agricultural Easements (Update) *listed in ranking order*

- a. Jim Willis (53 ac) Cumberland Township. – On hold
Surface coal issue, Clear title being pursued.
- b. Jim Willis (30 ac) Cumberland Township - On hold.
Surface coal issue, clear title being pursued.
- c. Richard Phillips (107.62 ac) Cumberland Township
 - 1) High rank & appraisal release letter (Completed)
 - 2) Title Search- (Completed)
 - 3) Appraisal Report – Completed
 - 4) Survey plot (**Action**) The deed description plot was received from Miles Davin it meets closure and officially has 108.8 acres which will be used in preparing all future documents.
A motion was made by Dave Shipman to accept the survey plot as presented. Richard Belding Seconded. (Motion Passed)
A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to pay Miles Davin \$50 for his survey work. Jim Willis Seconded. (Motion Passed)
 - 5) Offer letter - Update - Mr. Phillips accepted the GCFLP board offer in writing.
 - 6) Agreement of Sale- (Pending) The Agreement of Sale is being prepared with all the attached exhibits for Mr. Phillips to

sign. It will also require Chairman Cree and Mr. Shipman's signatures and finally be reviewed and approved by the County solicitor, Cheryl Cowen, before being forwarded to the state.

2. Farm Inspections (update/ discussion)

- a) **Harley and Janet Gapen – September 2014**
- b) **William and Lura Ann Cree – September 2014**
- c) **James and Pearl Willis Living Trust – September 2014**

A date will be selected and board members that are available are invited to join Ms. Rush for the annual inspections of the preserved farms.

VIII. OUTREACH

Greene County Fair Display – The conservation district had a new space at the fairgrounds. Farmland information was distributed. Board members Dave Shipman and Bill Cree were both there at various times.

IX. DISCUSSION OF STAFF REPORTS

a. Regional PFPA meeting – Donegal PA – 8/14/14

Ms. Rush attended this regional meeting and gave the following report. Much of the meeting centered around the Fall PFPA meeting being held in western PA, Crawford Co. There was discussion of appraisal reports and getting them with less mistakes. Assisting farmers on preserved farms negotiate lease agreements that are friendly to preservation. Rural enterprises activities and how to monitor without being too restrictive. It was decided to hold these regional meeting twice per year in the quarters opposite the PFPA state meetings. Board members are always welcome to attend.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on **September 17 at 1:00 p.m.** The December meeting was briefly discussed. Thistlethwaite's Winery is available, a reservation will be placed on their calendar and the meeting location change advertised.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jim Willis to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)