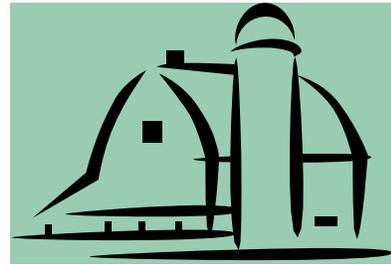


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GREENE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION
MINUTES
October 15, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dave Shipman at 1:05 p.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room, 19 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania

Board members present were Dave Shipman, Vice Chairman; Richard Belding, Director; Jim Willis, Director & Archie Trader, Commissioner. Bill Cree, Chairman joined at 1:25PM (a quorum was met when Mr. Cree joined the meeting)

Staff: Laurel Rush, Ag Technician,

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Rush read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$4,629.36

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

A motion was made by Jim Willis to accept the treasurer's report as read. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)

V. CORRESPONDENCE

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 the Recorder of Deeds office. Nothing has been recorded yet.

2. Charles Harry, (162.043 acres) Morgan Township

Board of Directors: William Cree III, Chairman; David Shipman, Vice-Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Charles Day, Secretary; Richard Belding; James Willis; Corbly Orndorff; Commissioner Archie Trader

- 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 – **Received final title insurance policy**

An overpayment in administrative fees had been received for this easement. In the past the overpayment has been returned when the final title insurance policy is received. Ms. Rush is working to confirm that monies returned to the program are being credited to Greene County.

3. GCFLP board member appointments (Update)

William Cree – Farmer

Richard Belding – Farmer

James Willis – Farmer

This was presented at the Commissioner's Agenda meeting today and slated for approval at their meeting on October 16th. Commissioner Trader thanked the members that are willing to continue to serve on the GCFLP board.

4. Farm Inspections (Discussion)

- a) **Harley and Janet Gapen – September 30, 2014**
- b) **William and Lura Ann Cree – September 30, 2014**
- c) **James and Pearl Willis Living Trust – September 30, 2014**

These visits have been completed. The Willis and Cree Farms looked good and had no violations. The Cree farm has installed some stream bank fencing, but not the stream crossing. They have received the permit to complete this practice. The Gapen (Helen Six) Farm did not plant on schedule this year. The committee spoke briefly with Harley about this and reminded him that if he is going to change his crop rotation that his conservation plan needs to document these changes.

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 (108.8 ac) Cumberland 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)

2. GCCD board nominations (tabled) – Due November 3, 2014 –

Jim Cowell- Farmer Director

A motion was made by Jim Willis to remove this item of business from the table. Richard Belding seconded.

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to nominate Jim Willis for the GCCD farmer director. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)

VIII. OUTREACH

IX. DISCUSSION OF STAFF REPORTS

PFPA Fall Conference. Ms. Rush attended this on October 1, 2014. She gave a summary report of some of the presentations (French Creek Conservancy & PA Agricultural History Project). The policy position for PFPA for 2014-15 were a main topic of discussion. PFPA will send an update of this document with the top 5 priorities identified.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 1:00PM in the Mezzanine Conference room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Jim Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)