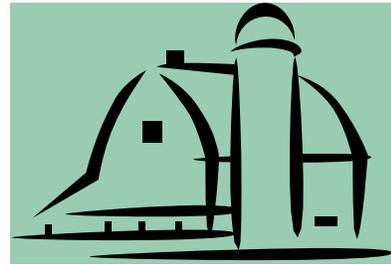


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GREENE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
MINUTES  
September 17, 2014

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Cree at 1:20 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; Richard Belding, Director; and Jim Willis, Director.

**Staff:** Laurel Rush, Ag Technician, Lisa Snider, District Manager

**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 August 27, 2014 meeting with the following correction: to “pay a \$50 registration fee and mileage” for Laurel to attend the PFPA meeting. PFPA dues for 2014 have been paid in full. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)***

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Thistlethwaite 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 this morning to see if the Colvin acreage had been recorded and added to the

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

ASA. It has not been recorded yet. After 180 days if a township does not take action an ASA application is deemed approved. This application is over the 180 days.

**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 – **Received 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(Completed) Received property description from Mr. Davin.
  - 5) Offer letter – (Completed)
  - 6) Agreement of Sale- (Pending) The Agreement of Sale has been signed by Mr. Phillips Chairman Cree and Mr. Shipman have also signed it. It will receive a final review and signature by the County solicitor, Cheryl Cowen, and approved at a Commissioner’s meeting before being forwarded to the state.

**2. 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 inspection will be completed September 30, weather permitting.

**3. PFFA Fall Conference – Crawford County** – Mrs. Rush will attend on October 1<sup>st</sup> the day of the PFFA business meeting.

**4. GCFLP board member appointments (Action)**

**William Cree – Farmer**

**Richard Belding – Farmer**

**James Willis – Farmer**

All are willing to serve again if appointed. ***A Motion was made by Rick Thistlethwaite to have Mrs. Rush draft a letter to the commissioners to consider the re-appointment of William Cree, Richard Belding and James Willis to the GCFLP board of directors for a 3 year term. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)***

**5. GCCD board nominations – Due November 3, 2014 –**

**Jim Cowell- Farmer Director**

Even though Mr. Cowell is willing to serve another 4 year term, Mrs. Snider encouraged the board to think about naming additional nominees that can be added to the Associated Directors list.

***A motion was made by Dave Shipman to Table this item until the October meeting. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)***

**VIII. OUTREACH**

GCCD fall newsletter – Will be printed soon.

**IX. DISCUSSION OF STAFF REPORTS**

a. Mrs. Snider reported that the GCCD board approved \$750 for GCFLP administrative expenses from the UGWF for fiscal year 2014-15 and a reimbursement of 309.85 from fiscal year 2012-13.

b. Mrs. Rush gave an update on John Scott a former PDA regional representative that was in a serious tractor accident. A card was passed around for board members to sign if they wished.

c. Mrs. Snider also ask everyone to remind their friend and neighbors to keep any earth disturbance to under 1 acre (excepting plowing and tilling as outlined in their conservation/ag E & S plan). Disturbance of more than 1 acre requires an NPDES permit and E & S Plan.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 1:00PM in the Mezzanine Conference room.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

***With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Richard Belding to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Rick Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)***