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Greene County Farmland Preservation Minutes

April 13, 2016

Hartley Inn
Carmichaels, PA

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Cree at 1:08 p.m. at the Hartley Inn Restaurant in Carmichaels, PA.

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members

Members Present--Bill Cree, III, Chairman; Dave Shipman, Vice Chairman; Rick Thistlethwaite, Treasurer; Jim Willis, Director; Chris Eisiminger; Richard Belding; and Archie Trader, County Commissioner.

Staff

Karlie Wright, Agricultural Technician, GCCD.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Rick Thistlethwaite seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Thistlethwaite read the Treasurer's report as follows:

1. FLP Board Fundraising Account - $8,073.91
2. Easement Funds – $242,702.00
    a. Dept. of Agriculture – $207,998.00
    b. County of Greene – $34,704.00
3. Funds requiring year end encumberment by 12/31/16 - $85,286.00

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE
None

OLD BUSINESS

State Ethics Forms
Ms. Wright reminded the Board members that, if they haven't already, completed State Ethics forms are due May 1, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Farmland Preservation Appraisers
Ms. Wright contacted James Kelly about completing appraisals for the Greene County Farmland Preservation Board in 2016. Mr. Kelly said that he did not need a signed contract and would be happy to work with us.

2016 GCFLP Application Period
Ms. Wright stated that the following board members; Bill Cree, III, Dave Shipman, Rick Thistlethwaite, Jim Willis, and Dick Belding, met and visited both farms and completed the LESA scoring. Following the site visits, the group worked through the LESA score packet and the final computations. The 2016 ranking is as follows:

a. William and Lura Ann Cree (57.35ac), Cumberland Township – LESA Score: 43.37
b. David K. Bell (92.81ac), Morgan Township – LESA Score: 38.31

The Board discussed how they would like to move forward and that it would be nice to move forward with both farms.

A motion was made by Archie Trader to send both farms ranking letters an offer to move forward to the next phase of the selection. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)

OUTREACH
Ms. Wright stated that Lisa, Lindsay and herself had been visiting various townships about permitting and the manure management program and have talked to townships that do not have an Agricultural Security Area about the program. The townships that Ms. Wright has talked to recently about the ASA program are Aleppo, Richhill, Monongahela, and Dunkard.

STAFF REPORTS
Karlie Wright discussed her staff report that was submitted to the board members.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM – 2nd Floor Conference Room, County Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting. Chris Eisiminger seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,

Karlie M Wright

Karlie Wright
Agricultural Technician

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on June 15, 2016.
Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation

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