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**GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING
ACAP FUNDING
CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
February 26, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

Those in attendance were as follows:

James A. Cowell, Jr.-Chairman; Glodenna Halstead-Secretary; Jared Edgreen-Commissioner Representative; Dave Shipman; Rebecca Trigger; George Scull; Greg Hopkins-Vice-Chairman via phone; Dan Bazzoli-Treasurer via phone.

Staff: Lisa Snider-District Director, Tiffany Stewart-Watershed Specialist and Heather Yorko-Fiscal Officer.

Mr. James A. Cowell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:04am. This meeting is to discuss an increase in ACAP Funds for the Cree Farms Project.

Ms. Snider explained that the Cree Farm project has requested additional funding for their ACAP project. NRCS did not account for walls and ramps needed for the project and the concrete and labor needed and additional outlet lengths. The site also only included gutters for the rear of the addition and there are 2 barns in need of new and replaced gutters. The growing greener grant received will not be able to reimburse for the gutters, being that the concrete for the manure storage facility was not accounted for in the original grant request. There were change orders made to the plan without the district being aware, however, the practices were necessary to protect the project and the stream that is on the property.

The board reviewed the projected new costs for the project (attached) and discussed how the project failed to meet the boards standards and why the changes were needed.

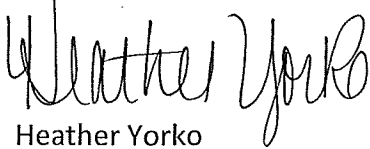
***A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to approve increasing the Cree Farm ACAP funds in the amount of \$36,545.27 with SCC approval. Dave Shipman seconded.
(Motion Passed)***

The board also discussed how to limit multiple projects on farms and how to handle farms that apply more than once.

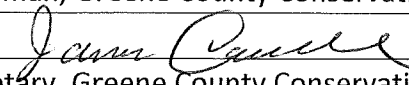
Ms. Snider stated that the Conservation District Board should make a decision about what the district is willing to pay for hourly rates for farmers under the ACAP Program. ACAP Program

allows landowners to be paid at an hourly rate as an expense. The board is allowed to set an acceptable rate.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Yorko
Fiscal Officer

<u>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</u>
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Conservation District on <u>March 19</u> , 2024.
Chairman, Greene County Conservation District

Secretary, Greene County Conservation District

 Vice.