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Reorganization Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

GCCD Conference Room

22 West High Street, Suite 204

Waynesburg, PA 15370

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

William Cree III called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM in the GCCD Conference Room after a quorum was reached.

Introduction of new Fiscal Officer, Heather Yorko.

Those in attendance were as followed:

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members:

William Cree III- Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer; Mike Belding- Commissioner; James Willis - Farmer Member; Richard Belding – Farmer Member; Dave Shipman- Vice Chairman.

Staff and Guests:

Lisa Snider - District Director; Heather Yorko - Fiscal Officer.

REORGANIZATION

- 1. 2022 Slate of Officers
 - a. William Cree III-Chairman 12/31/2023 As appointed by the GC Commissioners
 - b. David Shipman-Vice Chairman-2022
 - c. Richard Thistlethwaite-Treasurer-2022
 - d. Charles Day-Secretary-2022

John Hildreth was placed on the board by the GC Commissioners, but was unable to attend today's meeting due to a previous commitment.

A motion was made by Richard Belding to retain all 2022 officers in 2023. James Willis seconded. (Motion Passed)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Belding to approve October 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

FLP Board Fundraising Account - \$18,884.79

1. Easement Funds

- a. Dept. of Agriculture-\$4,516.82
- b. County of Greene-\$15,022.49

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve of the treasurer's report as read. Charles Day seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCE

2023 Ethics Forms that need to be turned in the GCCD by the end of April.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Certification of County Funds for 2022 Program Year
- 2. 2023 Application Round board needs to make a decision as to how long the application round to be open. Currently we have it open ended, if we do not get someone on board this year we will lose \$4,000.

A motion was made by Mike Belding to close the application in September. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

OUTREACH

No outreach.

STAFF REPORTS

Lisa Snider – received the title insurance for the Barbetta Farm, which is the last of the paperwork that has to be sent to the state.

Need to schedule a meeting with Mr. Jeremy Snyder that now owns the Phillips Farm. Needs to get corrections on the deed and help from NRCS to develop a conservation plan. Mr. Snyder purchased the farm, but was not informed that it was preserved farmland.

Board was notified that GCCD approved another round of GRACE apply if interested.

Tiffany Stewart has been hired as an Ag Tech; she attended her first GCCD meeting yesterday and Ms. Snider did not want to overwhelm her.

Next Meeting Date: May 17, 2023 at 8:00 AM at GCCD Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Richard Belding to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 AM. Charles Day seconded. (Motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Yorko
Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene
County Farmland Preservation on <u>January 18</u> , 2023.
Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
Mill III
Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation
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