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# Greene County Farmland Preservation Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023

Greene County Conservation District 22 W High St, Suite 204 Waynesburg, PA 15370

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

William Cree III called the meeting to order at 10:39am at the GCCD office after a quorum was reached.

Those in attendance were as followed:

# **GREENE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD (GCFLP) MEMBERS**

William Cree III- Chairman; Dave Shipman- Vice Chairman; Richard Thistlethwaite- Treasurer; James Willis, Richard Belding, John Hildreth

### **STAFF AND GUESTS**

Lisa Snider – District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski – District Office Manager; Theresa Prochaska – Agriculture Technician

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve October 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

State Funds Available - \$81, 509.02 County Funds Available - \$21, 016.32 FLP Board Checking Account - \$23,492.48

> A motion was made by James Willis to approve of the treasurer's report as read. Corbly Orndoff seconded. (Motion Passed)

# **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

Farmland Preservation and Greene County Conservation District Banquet December 6, 2023 at Valley View Farm, please let Ms. Yorko know by November 29<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending and number of guests.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## ANDREWS FARM ENCUMBERMENT

Ms. Snider is ready to move forward with the Andrews Farm Encumberment after farm visits and ranking. In order to proceed the following are required:

- 1. Board approval of Andrews Farm encumberment
- 2. Documents required
  - a. Title Search needs board approval proceed.
  - b. W-9 Mr. Andrews has already provided needed W-9.
  - c. Percentage Ownership Mr. Andrews has already provided proof of ownership
  - d. Appraisal release form- Mr. Andrews has already signed release form.
  - e. Good Faith payment Mr. Andrews has already paid the good faith monies.
  - f. Offer Letter
  - g. Plot by Miles Davin needs board approval to proceed.
  - h. Appraisal by Jim Kelly needs board approval to proceed.
  - i. Conservation Plan Mr. Andrews has contacted NRCS.
  - i. Deed of Correction if needed.

Ms. Snider proposed proceeding with the title search; Phil Hook will perform the title search. Upon receiving a clean title, the plot survey is to be performed by Miles Davin. Mr. Orndorff suggested contacting Greg Brewer as a backup should Mr. Davin be unable to perform the survey. After the plot is received, the appraisal is to be performed by Jim Kelly.

A motion was made by Richard Belding to proceed with the title search, followed by the plot survey upon receiving a clean title, and then the appraisal. John Hildreth seconded. (Motion passed)

Other farmers that participated in the farm visits were notified of their ranking and that they can reapply at a future date when there is more funding available which could be up to three years. Farmers were to notify the Conservation District if they were interested in participating in the ranking in the next round.

## **OUTREACH**

No outreach.

## STAFF REPORTS

No staff reports

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Planned Reorganization meeting will occur January 17, 2024 unless business is needed sooner.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Richard Thistlethwaite to adjourn the meeting at 10:59am. James Willis seconded. Motion passed

# Respectfully submitted,

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene
County Farmland Preservation on January 17, 2024.
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Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation
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