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Greene County Farmland Preservation Board Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Thistlethwaite Vineyards 151 Thistlethwaite Lane Jefferson, PA 15344

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

William Cree III called the meeting to order at 1:13 PM in meeting room at Thistlethwaite Vineyards after a quorum was reached.

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 and Corbly Orndorff –Township Supervisor.

Staff and Guests:

Lisa Snider, District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski, Office Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by David Shipman to approve February 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Corbly Orndorff seconded. (Motion passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve of the treasurer's report as read. James Willis seconded. (Motion passed)

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

 Cree Farm--all deeds have been recorded correctly and approved by the state for transferring the property in the state system. The PA Farmland program now

- shows that William A and Ami Cree are now owners of the 3 Cree easements in the system.
- 2. Dominick & Kimberly Barbetta #1 (79.175 ac.) All settlement information has been sent to the state & is in process. Closing was held on August 18th.

NEW BUSINESS

The FLP Board received requests for candidates from Greene County Commissioners to fill public director position opened by Melissa Adamson's resignation and farmer director to replace Jim Cowell's term ending on the Conservation District Board. David Shipman and Richard Belding nominated Dan Bazzoli, Ray Stockdale, Jim Cowell and Doug Willis as candidates to fill the positions.

Motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to recommend the following to the County Commissioners; John Hildreth to fill the vacant position on the FLP board; re-appoint Corbly Orndorff and Charles Day to 3-year term that will expire on December 31, 2025, and seconded by David Shipman. (Motion Passed)

Motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to recommend to the County Commissioners to continue the chairmanship of William A. Cree, III and seconded by James Willis. (Motion Passed)

The directors were given notice of the upcoming GCCD-FLP banquet to be held December 14 at Valley View Farms at 5:30.

A motion was made by Jim Willis to accept the approved actions for the 2022 Farm Inspections earlier in the day:

Snyder Farm in violation due to no conservation plan & inaccurate deed – letter will have to be sent to owner and state.

Gapen Farm need an updated conservation plan Willis Farm has no violations

Rick Thistlethwaite seconded the motion, (motion passed).

2023 Meeting Dates

The board discussed the 2023 Meeting Dates and times.

January 18, 2023 at 8:00am Reorganizational Meeting

May 17, 2023 am 2023 at 8:00 am

July 19, 2023 at 8:00 am

October 18, 2023 at 10:00 am – Farm Inspections:

1:00 pm meeting to be announced on website

December 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm - Location TBD

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve 2023 Meeting Dates, Times and location for advertisement. David Shipman seconded. (Motion passed)

2023 Funding Request letters to EQT and Iron Synergy. Owner of Iron Synergy is interested in putting money into the community. The contact person for Iron Synergy is Jeremy Rafferty.

OUTREACH

No outreach.

STAFF REPORTS

Lisa Snider- staff reports were mailed to directors.

Next Meeting Date: January 18, 2023 at 8:00 AM at GCCD Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 PM. Corbly Orndorff seconded. (Motion passed)

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Yorko
GCCD
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 While I 2023.
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Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation
David Collegan
Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation