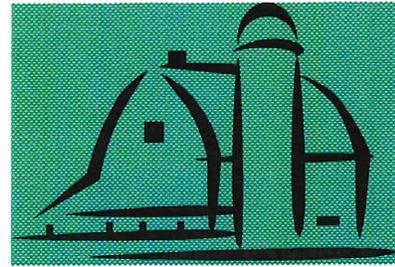


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Greene County Farmland Preservation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
**October 16, 2024**  
Carmichaels Grange/Back Bay Catering  
510 Ceylon Road  
Carmichaels, PA 15320

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

William Cree III called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM at the Carmichaels Grange 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; Richard Belding, John Hildreth, Jim Willis and Corbly Orndorff.

Staff and Guests:

Lisa Snider - District Director; Tiffany Stewart—Watershed Specialist. Mr. & Mrs. William Cree, Jr.-owners of the first farm preserved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by John Hildreth to approve May 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **Approve Payments:**

Kelly Real Estate Appraisal Services, LLC. in the amount of \$1,700.00 for appraisal- Andrews Farm

Harshman CE Group, LLC in the amount of \$8,800.00 for Andrews Farm Survey

**State Funds Available**—\$144,597.88 of which \$76,238.38 needs to be encumbered by December 31, 2024.

**County Funds Available**—\$50,010.02

**Farmland Board Checking Account**—\$15,004.60

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Greene County Conservation District Board Director Candidate—ACTION**

Ms. Snider stated that a letter was received requesting submission for a Greene County Conservation District director nomination to replace Dave Shipman whose term expires on December 31, 2024. Mr. Shipman would like to continue as a board member.

***A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to nominate Dave Shipman as a candidate for the Greene County Conservation District Director. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)***

### **2024 Directorship recommendation to Greene County Commissioners to appoint for a 3-year term—ACTION**

Ms. Snider stated that Dave Shipman, John Hildreth and Richard Thistlethwaite's terms expire December 31, 2024 so the board has to submit names for consideration to fill these open positions for the next three-year term to the Greene County Commissioners. Mr. Thistlethwaite stated that he plans to finish his term and resign from the board. The board will at this time leave that position vacant and try to make a recommendation to the commissioners before the end of the year, giving everyone time to consider a replacement.

***A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to nominate Dave Shipman, John Hildreth and leave a vacancy position for the Farmland Preservation Board. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)***

### **Request annual appointment of Chairman to Chief Clerk—RECOMMENDATION**

Ms. Snider explained that the board needs to send a recommendation for Chairman to the commissioners for consideration.

***A motion was made by Dave Shipman to recommend William Cree III as Chairman of Farmland Preservation Board. John Hildreth seconded. (Motion Passed)***

### **Approval of Farm Inspections – ACTION**

Ms. Snider stated that there were no violations at any of the farms visited so a motion was needed to approve submitted the farm inspections to the state.

***A motion was made by John Hildreth to submit the annual inspections to the state. Richard Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)***

### **Encumbering Greg and Cheryl Andrews Farm**

Ms. Snider stated that in order to get the Andrews Farm encumbered by the end of the year the board needs to approve the following:

1. Need to make the offer for the farm
2. Need to agree on sales agreement – state only agreement, state county agreement or a county agreement.
3. Need to set an interest rate in case they decide to do an agreement
4. Need action to work with Hook's for the subordination agreement and update the title search.

***A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to make a state county agreement on the Andrews Farm. John Hildreth seconded. (Motion Passed)***

*A motion was made by Richard Belding to work with Mr. Hook for a subordination agreement, update title search and a title commitment. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)*

*A motion was made by Richard Belding to set a 1% interest rate if needed for Andrews Farm. John Hildreth seconded. (Motion Passed)*

*A motion was made by Corbly Orndorff to extend an offer of \$3,000.00 per acre for 96.35 acres for the easement totaling \$289,050.00 which will take multiple years for the board to collect funds necessary. John Hildreth seconded. (Motion Passed)*

**2024 GCCD—FLP Annual Banquet December 11, 2024—Valley View Farm**

**2025 Board Meeting Dates, times and locations—ACTION**

*A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve 2025 meeting dates, 8:00 AM start times at the Conservation District Office. John Hildreth seconded. (Motion Passed)*

**OUTREACH**

No outreach.

**STAFF REPORTS**

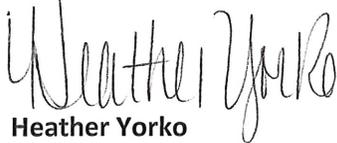
Ms. Snider's staff report was included in the meeting packet.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by John Hildreth to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 PM. Corbly Orndorff seconded. (Motion passed)*

Respectfully submitted,

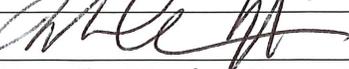


Heather Yorko  
Fiscal Officer

**MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Farmland Preservation on February 19, 2025.

Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation



Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation

