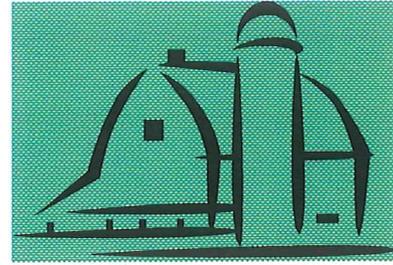


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Greene County Farmland Preservation
Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025
RGB Coffee
Community Room
30 North Washington Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Snider called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM at RGB Coffee after a quorum was reached.

Those in attendance were as followed:

Greene County Farmland Preservation Board (GCFLP) Members:

Dave Shipman - Vice Chairman; Charles Day - Secretary Richard Belding, John Hildreth, Jim Willis and Commissioner Edgreen.

Staff and Guests:

Lisa Snider - District Director; Daniel Phillips – Agricultural Conservation Specialist; Heather Yorko – Fiscal Officer.

REORGANIZATION

1. 2024 Slate of Officers

- a. William Cree III-Chairman 12/31/24 As appointed by the GC Commissioners
- b. David Shipman-Vice Chairman-2024
- c. Richard Thistlethwaite-Treasurer-2024
- d. Charles Day-Secretary-2024

Ms. Snider stated that the Commissioner had reappointed Mr. Cree as Chairman for this year so the board needed to elect a Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Additionally, Mr. Thistlethwaite left the board so that position needs to be filled.

Ms. Snider opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chairman.

A motion was made by Richard Belding to nominate Dave Shipman as Vice Chairman. John Hildreth seconded. (Motion Passed)

Once Mr. Shipman was appointed as Vice-Chairman Ms. Snider turned the meeting over to him.

A motion was made by Richard Belding to nominate John Hildreth as Treasurer. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

A motion was made by John Hildreth to nominate Charles Day as Secretary. Dave Shipman seconded (Motion Passed)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Richard Belding to approve October 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Charles Day seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

State Funds Available—\$144,597.88

County Funds Available—\$50,010.02

Farmland Board Checking Account—\$20,231.18

Ms. Snider stated that there was a deposit in the amount of \$3,518.89 for incidentals from the last Cree Easement that she had submitted to the state. There is going to be a check needed in the near future for Hook & Hook for all of the work that they completed for the Andrews Easement completed for submission to the state.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

State Ethics Forms for Directors to complete by April 30, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg and Cheryl Andrews (99) Easement

Ms. Snider stated that everything was submitted and accepted by the state by the December 31st deadline.

The Conservation Plan will need to be updated by NRCS and approved by the Conservation District Board before our final commitment, a deed of correction and adjoining landowners list to send them letters regarding the easement. Final Title insurance and mark up of the title committee which all gets done with the closing.

The final division of the monies for the Andrews Easement, the State's share is \$259,050, County's share is \$30,000 and the incidental costs are \$18,450.00 with a few more expenses to be added. The total Andrews Easement will be \$289,050.

Ms. Snider stated that she had receive a notice from the state of their funds for this year, Greene county's appropriation was \$5,921, the state's total match was \$8,078.48, our grant from the state was \$69,898.21 and they distributed \$2,036.09 for a total of \$85,933.78 for this year's allotment of funds. There is a possible discrepancy in the county's claim for a past easement that Ms. Snider is researching and will review with Ms. Gooden in the Controller's office.

New Directorship-Member-at-Large

Ms. Snider and Commissioner Edgreen asked for suggestion to fill the vacant position on the board and Mr. Dennis Householder and Ike Pierce's names were mentioned. Ms. Snider stated that she would reach out to see if either gentleman were interested and start the process to get names to the commissioners for approval.

A motion was made by John Hildreth to draft a letter of interested candidate(s) for the Commissioners to review and appoint to the Farmland Preservation Board. Charles Day seconded. (Motion Passed)

2026 Greene Farmland Preservation Program Recertification

Ms. Snider stated that in 2026 the program recertification has to be done, this should be an easy recertification process starting next August.

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 Charles Day to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 AM. John Hildreth 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 <u>10/15</u> , 2025.
Chairman, Greene County Farmland Preservation

Executive Member, Greene County Farmland Preservation
