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### 7:30 pm Thursday, August 13, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Note: This meeting will be held virtually, via Zoom.**

To participate in this special meeting:

Time: Aug 13, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### VIRTUAL MEETING RULES

***Note: Chairman Norm Lathbury will manage the meeting; Diana Griffith and Stacy Mann will manage the virtual aspects.***

Please remain muted when not speaking.

Board members: Please identify yourself when making motions and seconds.

Meeting visitors may raise questions in the chat box. Diana Griffith will respond.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions of meeting guests

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Discussion and vote on the proposal to subdivide the Thomas and Loretta Hartle farm.**

**Narrative:** At its meeting on July 30, the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board tabled a vote on this proposal, pending interpretation of the County's subdivision language. It was unclear to the entire board whether the County's minimum requirements for subdivision were the same as the minimum criteria for a new easement – that is requiring 50 or more acres – and whether the language “10 or more acres if contiguous to a preserved farm” applies post-easement. Doug Wolfgang, Director of the Bureau of Farmland Preservation, said the State takes the position that the property's tract of 10 or more acres will be contiguous to the parent tract from which it is being carved, thus meeting the County's subdivision criteria. The parcel proposed for subdivision must meet all of the other criteria as well: it has to be a solid 10 acres of cropland, pasture land or grazing land. The Hartles' proposal indicates that 10.1 acres of tillable land and pasture in the proposed 12-acre parcel will be maintained for agricultural operations.

**Recommendation:** That the Board make a final review of the Hartles' proposal, confirm that it meets County and State subdivision criteria, and vote to approve it. If approved, the proposal must go before the State board at its October meeting.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Penn State's Ag Progress Days will be online, August 9 – 12.

## **ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **7:30 pm Thursday, September 24, 2020**, and likely will be held remotely. A link to participate will be provided.