

Norman K. Lathbury, Chairman
Marion R. Deppen
Thomas E. Boldin
Cindy B. Harding
Carl V. Homan



Frederick G. Moore
Thomas Songer III
Joel Myers
Vacant
Sarah Walter, Coordinator

CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Willowbank Office Building • 420 Holmes Street • Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814)355-6791 • Fax: (814)355-8661 • www.centrecountypa.gov/agland

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Present: N. Lathbury; M. Deppen; T. Boldin; C. Harding; C. Homan; T. Songer; J. Myers

Staff: Sarah Walter (Centre County Planning Office)
Stacy Mann (Centre County Planning Office)
Mark Higgins (Centre County Commissioner)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lathbury at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Tom B. and seconded by Carl, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business

Leightley & Sevick Easement Progress

Sarah reported she is still waiting on the checks to be mailed from the state.

Campbell Easement Progress

Sarah reported she is working to verify the acreage that Campbell wishes to exclude from the easement and will advertise for the Survey RFP soon.

New Business

Federal ACEP Easements

Sarah reported that she was able to substitute Grove, Fravel and Harpster for the Federal ACEP Applications. Copies of these three applications and the ranking list were distributed for review by the Board. The request will be for more money than the original request but hoping for NRCS approval. The Board should know within 30-50 days if the money requested has been approved. If all ACEP applications are approved, they would total nearly \$800,000 in purchases and the County should receive roughly \$400,000 back in Federal money. On a motion by Tom B. and seconded by Cindy, the Board voted to approve the Federal ACEP Easements for the Grove, Fravel and Harpster Farms. Motion carried.

Municipal Partnership Program

Sarah reported that the Board already has a Municipal Partnership with Ferguson and Potter Townships. Halfmoon Township would like formalize that partnership and join the program so in the future they can commit money to be matched through us. On a motion by Carl and seconded by Marion, the Board voted to approve the Halfmoon Township Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

Projected Fund Balance

Sarah reported the following fund balance totals:

<u>State Fund Balance</u>		<u>County Fund Balance</u>	
End of 2014	\$653,338	End of 2014	\$148,657
2016 Allocation of funds	+ <u>\$577,698</u>	2016 Allocation of funds	+ <u>\$80,000</u>
Beginning 2016 funds	\$1,231,036	Beginning 2016 funds	\$228,657
Estimated Expenses	- <u>\$1,037,500</u>	Estimated Expenses	- <u>\$200,000</u>
Projected Balance	\$193,536	Projected Balance	\$28,657

This could leave our State and County Fund Balance of \$222,193. Estimating a per acre value of \$2,750 that is roughly enough to purchase 81 acres. Since those figures are estimated Sarah recommends waiting for the final appraisal and survey information to move forward on another easement.

SEDA-COG Loan Program

Commissioner Higgins presented the Board with information on the SEDA-COG Loan Program.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 24, 2016 in Room 146 of the Willowbank Office Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion by Tom S. and seconded by Joel, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sarah Walter
Recording Secretary