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CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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REVISED
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, May 4, 2023
7:30 pm
Room 146, Willowbank Building
420 Holmes Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
Note: The meeting is being recorded.
2. Additions to the Agenda (Act 65 of 2021)
Review of SB288, Pennsylvania General Assembly Senate Bill 288, which calls for the following:
 - Changes state minimum contiguous acreage for application from 50 acres to 25 acres;
 - Simplifies reference of “qualified organization;”
 - Changes county minimum contiguous acreage for application to permit a tract of less than 10 acres when the tract is either utilized for a crop unique to the area adjacent to a preserved farm;
 - Permits subdivision of a tract of preserved farmland of less than 10 acres if the tract is merged with contiguous preserved farmland;
 - Would require 10% of realty transfer tax to be deposited into the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund.
3. Introductions and Opportunity for Public Comment (5-minute limit per person)
4. Approval of the January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes
5. Old Business
None
6. New Business

Presentation of 2023 Top Ranked PACE Applicants:

#1 Thomas and Cynthia Hall, Halfmoon Township; 59.78 ranked acres

#2 Carl R. Gates, Ferguson Township; 107.91 ranked acres

#3 Karen Dreibelbis, Ferguson Township; 102.20 ranked acres
(for preliminary approval pending available funding)

7. Correspondence

8. Agricultural Land Preservation Coordinator’s Report

9. Items for the Good of the Order

10. Adjournment

2023 Attendance	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Boldin	X											
Buffington	X											
Harding	X											
Heckman	X											
Homan	X											
Hoover	X											
Myers	X											
Songer	X											
Wheland	X											
Commissioner Concepcion	N/A											
<i>Cancelled Meeting</i>		X	X	X								

A quorum requires a minimum of five board members to be present at the meeting.

The next scheduled Board meeting is 7:30 pm Thursday, June 22, 2023, in Room 146 of the Willowbank Building. The meeting originally scheduled for May 25, 2023 is cancelled.