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## **CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

**7:30 pm Thursday**

**September 23, 2021**

**Room 146, Willowbank Building**

**420 Holmes Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting is being recorded.*

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 29, 2021

#### **AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Larry F. and Suzanne M. Harpster farm approved; awaiting closing  
Recommendations for successor to Frederick Moore  
Benuel Zook farm application status

#### ***Education and Communication:***

Grange Fair Booth  
PACE Guide to Farmland Preservation  
Presentation to the Ag Forum of Centre County  
Soil Health Stewardship Plan and Training  
Clarification on Conservation Plans  
Financials – Encumbering Funds  
State's Summary of Easements  
SCA Connector Project Planning

**Recommended action on these items:** None

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

## **New Business**

### **Farm Appraisers**

**Narrative:** In the past, the Board published a Request for Proposal (RFP) for appraisers every two years. The last appraiser RFP was published in 2019, when the Board awarded the two-year contract to Brian Pedrick of Agrarian Associates, Inc., based in Lebanon, PA. Mr. Pedrick has been performing the County's farm appraisals for many years and does excellent work. He also appraises many of the PACE applicants around the State.

**Discussion:** Should the Board authorize an RFP in the remaining months of 2021 or wait until the organizational meeting in January 2022?

**Recommended Action:** The Board will vote on whether to publish an RFP for appraisal services as soon as possible in 2021 or wait until January 2022.

## **Old Business**

### **David Burket Farm, 2021 PACE Applicant #1. Score: 77.367, 19.94 ranked acres**

**Narrative:** At its meeting on July 29, the Board voted to authorize an appraisal for Mr. Burket's farm contingent on having an NRCS-approved conservation plan in hand prior to closing. Mr. Burket has obtained such a plan, written by an NRCS approved conservation plan writer.

**Recommended Action:** The Board will vote to accept Mr. Burket's new conservation plan as meeting the Board's requirements.

### **Nancy and Webb Miller Farm, 2021 PACE Applicant #3. Score: 75.161, 62.33 ranked acres**

#### **Narrative:**

At its meeting on July 29, the Board tabled approval of the Miller farm pending the following:

- Clarification on whether the Miller's farm operator Todd Irvin has a conservation plan on file for this specific parcel address.
- Obtainment of a Manure Management Plan for the Millers' daughter, Kat Miller, who keeps goats on the property.

Mr. Irvin has provided a conservation plan for this parcel and Ms. Miller has obtained a Manure Management Plan from the Centre County Conservation District office.

**Recommended Action:** Having met the Board's requirements for their farm, the Board will vote to authorize an appraisal for the Nancy and Webb Miller parcel.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm in Room 146 of the Willowbank Building on Thursday, October 28.**