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Thomas E. Boldin  
Carl V. Homan  
Frederick G. Moore



Joseph Homan  
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Diana Griffith, Coordinator

## CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2019

**Present:** C. Harding; T. Boldin; C. Homan; F. Moore; T. Songer; N. Lathbury

**Staff:** Diana Griffith (Centre County Planning Office)  
Stacy Mann (Centre County Planning Office)  
Raymond Stolinis (Centre County Planning Office)  
Ernest Greene (Stephanie Borowicz)

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#### **Reappointment**

Norm notified the Board that he was reinstated as Chairman effective Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

Diana notified the board of a vacancy created by Joel Myers, who declined to continue because of health issues after his term expired. He has advised that he is still available as a resource.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Tom B. and seconded by Tom S., the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2019 meeting with correction of the Campbell value being \$3,840\* an acre. Motion carried.

#### **Informational Items**

##### **Wheland Closing**

Norm informed the board that the Wheland closing took place September 4, 2019 at Tussey Settlement.

##### **Potential Impact of Addition of \$20,000 to the Annual Ag Land Preservation Board**

Norm was asked to look at would happen financially if the County increased its allocation from \$80,000 to \$100,000. The additional \$20,000 would increase the County match dollars and could increase the state funds by roughly \$150,000.

#### **Action Items**

##### **Award Survey Bid for Campbell Farm and the McWilliams Farm**

Diana informed the board of the Survey Bids that were opened October 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Gregory Shufran was the low bidder on both farms at the following rates. Campbell Farm

\$1,540 and the McWilliams Farm \$2,380. On a motion by Tom B. and seconded by Carl, the board voted to accept Gregory A. Shufran as the low bidder for both farms. Motion carried.

#### **Approval 2020 Meeting Schedule**

Stacy presented that board with the 2020 meeting schedule. Staff suggested the board meet July 30 and forgo a meeting in August. On a motion by Tom S. and seconded by Cindy, the board voted to approve the calendar with the meeting in July being July 30 and forgoing a meeting in August. Motion carried.

#### **Items for the Good of the Order**

Fred brought a question to the board about the potential impact of construction on 322 “Seven Mountains” on any preserved farmland. Norm stated that it should not impact any PACE easements but will impact a Farm Land Trust easement.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 23, 2020 in Room 146 of the Willowbank Office Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Cindy and seconded by Tom B., the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Diana Griffith  
Coordinator