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CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Present: T. Songer; T. Boldin; J. Homan; R. Hoover; D. Buffington

Staff: Diana Griffith (Centre County Planning Office)
Stacy Mann (Centre County Planning Office)
Raymond Stolinas (Centre County Planning Office)
Mark Higgins (Centre County Commissioner)

Public: None

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Songer at 7:31 p.m. and was held in the BlueJeans virtual meeting platform. The meeting was recorded for future reference.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Boldin and seconded by Mr. J. Homan, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Agricultural Land Preservation Coordinators Report

Larry F. and Suzanne M. Harpster Farm

The Harpsters have signed their agreement of sale and it will be received soon. The farm may be presented for State approval at the June 17th meeting. In addition to 2020 funds, 2019 funds have been encumbered to cover the costs of preserving this farm.

Ralph Wheland Application to serve on the ALPB

Mr. Wheland was honored to be asked to serve on the Board. He has completed his ABC application and it has been forwarded to the Board of Commissioners.

ASA Updates Archive

Ms. Griffith is continuing to work on the ASA updates. When she has completed her updates, she will send to each municipal secretary/manager for review.

State Board Budget Allocation

The State Board allocation should be confirmed in March. The 2021 allocation will be somewhat lower as the result of no municipal contributions.

Communications

WTAJ-TV requested an interview about the PACE program in response to the Grove farm press release. A date was scheduled but the interview was delayed because of inclement weather and COVID restrictions.

Pauline E. Cooper Estate Farm Survey

Mr. Songer asked for any discussion about the bids that were presented.

Gregory Shufran	\$4,950
Geotech Engineering	\$5,500
The EADS Group	\$9,855
A. Morton Thomas	\$14,500
Peters Consultants	\$14,590

On a motion by Mr. Buffington and seconded by Mr. J. Homan, the Board voted to accept Gregory Shufran as the surveyor for the Cooper Farm. Motion carried.

Items for the Good of the Order

Financial Interest Statements were sent out to all Board members by the Commissioner's Office and are to be returned at their earliest convenience.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 25, 2021 in Room 146 of the Willowbank Office Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hoover and seconded by Mr. Buffington, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Stacy Mann
Recording Secretary