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CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 4, 2023

Present: T. Boldin; T. Songer; R. Hoover; R. Wheland; D. Buffington; J. Myers, J. Homan;
C. Harding; J. Heckman

Staff: Diana Griffith (Centre County Planning Office)
Stacy Mann (Centre County Planning Office)
Raymond Stolinas (Centre County Planning Office)
Commissioner Concepcion (Centre County Commissioners Office)

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Boldin welcomed board members and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., announcing that the meeting was being recorded. Commissioner Concepcion introduced herself to the board.

2. Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Buffington and seconded by Mr. Homan, the Board voted to add Legislation of Interest to PFPA - Spring 2023 to the agenda. Motion carried.

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding Amending Act 43. On a motion by Mr. Wheland and seconded by Ms. Harding, the Board did not vote in favor of Amending Act 43 as written. Motion carried.

3. Introductions and Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of the January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Mr. Homan, the Board voted to approve the minutes of January 26, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

None.

6. New Business

Presentation of 2023 Top Ranked PACE Applicants

Ms. Griffith gave a brief presentation on the top three ranked farms.

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

On a motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Mr. Songer, the Board voted to proceed with the Thomas and Cynthia Hall Farm in 2023. Motion carried.

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

On a motion by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Homan, the Board voted to proceed with the Carl R. Gates Farm in 2023. Motion carried.

#3 Karen Dreibelbis, Ferguson Township; 102.20 ranked acres

On a motion by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Heckman, the Board voted to proceed with the Karen Dreibelbis Farm in 2023 pending available funding. Motion carried.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Agricultural Land Preservation Coordinator's Report and Board Orientation

Ms. Griffith will be presenting on the two paths to farmland preservation at the Centre County Farmland Trust Retreat on May 20 – highlighting the differences between the two programs.

9. Items for the Good of the Order

Ms. Harding requested a spreadsheet of the County program at a glance.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Mr. Songer, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 22, 2023 in Room 146 of the Willowbank Office Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Diana Griffith
Recording Secretary