

Preston County Farmland Protection
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Preston County Farmland Protection Board
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022

Regular Members Present: Bill Grose, Art Mouser, Carrie See, Robbie Baylor, Luke Seese and Kevin Lyons

Regular Members Absent:

Ex-Officio Members Present: Samantha Stone

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Bill Shockey

Staff and Guest Present: LaDeana Teets

The March 15, 2022 Preston Co. Farmland Protection Board meeting was called to order by Chairmen Bill Grose at 7:35.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Art moved and Luke seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed. Art moved and Luke seconded to accept the minutes for the January 26, 2022. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

A treasurer's report was presented and filed for audit. The total from all bank accounts is \$697,231.78.

Old Business

An application was returned from Bill Stone and the property was ranked at 176 points. Pictures were shown of the 236-acre property and there was much discussion with all positive comments. Luke moved and Carrie seconded that the board except this application and move it forward with the easement process. Motion passed unanimously with Samantha abstaining. LaDeana stated that Bill had said the survey was completed before he purchased the farm in 2005. She will check at the court house and see if we can use the boundary survey and fill in the changes to save some money.

Olivia is working on the Title Search and has found some unresolved issues that need cleared up. Mr. Stemple is working on the documents needed. He and Olivia will work to close a Release of Records, death certificates, wills, and legal agreement on his resident right-of-way. We are six weeks past the date she set for the signing.

JB Chambers, with GPI, has started on the Teets survey at the courthouse search level. He plans to have it completed by the end of June.

Matt Monroe has agreed to do three Current Condition Reports for the Fazenbaker, Smith and Shaffer properties this spring to update their baselines.

The date was set for our annual monitoring by the board for Thursday, May 19, 2022. LaDeana will contact all our property owners to see if this date will work for them. She asked that the Board try to visit all of the farms with her and meet the landowners again this year. Luke said he would be happy to host our lunch at his picnic area on the farm.

LaDeana will wait until after the election to submit Carrie and Art's name to the county commission for their next four-year term.

New Business

The WVAFP quarterly meeting will be in Sutton on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 12:30. LaDeana asked if anyone from the Board might like to attend? She will send an email out as the date draws closer.

The next Ag/Farm Meeting with the Chamber will be Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 2:00 in the office conference room for anyone who would like to attend.

The director's comments are as followed: LaDeana attended the Farm Bureau Meeting in March, the Winter Dinner Meeting with Extension in Morgantown and the EDA Board meeting for February. Extension will be having two educational meetings on March 22 to talk about antibiotics management and a small ruminant's workshop on April 18 at our farm.

With no further Reports, Discussion, or Public Comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Dates for meetings the rest of the FY are: May 17, 2022.

_____ Acting Secretary

_____ Secretary

_____ Approved as presented

_____ Approved as amended

