

Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board Board Meeting - Monday August 10, 2020 6:30PM

Via Zoom

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MEETING MINUTES

* Action item

6:36pmCall to Order and Opening Remarks

- Meeting called to order by President Mr. Glenn
- Attending the meeting were Ms. Wheeler, Mr. Glenn, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Tabb, Mr. Quinn, and Mr. Perry. Absent - Mr. Kercheval, JCDA representative.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 13, 2020)*

- Reviewed meeting minutes.
- Hearing no comments or objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Introduction of Guests: Grant Smith, Lucien Lewin, Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle (LTEP)

Treasurer's Report *

- Ms. Wheeler presented the July Treasurer's report.
 - Mr. Glenn moved to accept Treasurers Report as presented and the motion was seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

- No further additions from written report

New Business:

Discuss with LTEP representatives the possible acquisition of Property N by non-profit organization, and process for consideration of proposed easement amendments.

- Mr. Smith, LTEP President, discussed PVAS 13-page memo outlining their interest in a protected farmland property, and proposed uses for environmental education and fundraising. LTEP believes the desired changes may be doable and recommends forming a working group between the co-holder boards.

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- Mr. Glenn raised issue of restrictions against commercial recreational uses, and deed changes that are against IRS rules.
- Mr. Quinn raised concerns that this proposal is “PVAS would like to use the property as a nature preserve and perhaps as its headquarters.” Mr. Quinn expressed he could not support this as it is not Farmland Protection.
- Mr. Perry, Ms. Johnson expressed that they do not support the proposal at this time for reasons being discussed.
- Mr. Smith, as LTEP is the lead holder of the easement, will share concerns with PVAS.

Consider for approval: FY21 Budget *

- Ms. Wheeler presented the FY21 Budget to the board.
- The board reviewed financial statements in regard to easements in process, projected easements and income over the next two FY.
- Mr. Glenn moved to accept FY21 as presented and the motion was seconded by Mr. Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider for approval: Purchase of easement on Property LLL.3 for 104.772 acres for a price of \$3,927.00 per acre, less an option payment of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$401,440.00. *

- Discussed exercising last option to purchase easement, and discussed that property was included in financial analysis discussed during FY21 Budget review.
- Mr. Quinn moved to exercise purchase of LLL.3 easement and the motion was seconded by Ms. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider for approval: Agreement authorizing Twin Ridge Orchard Inc to use the Farmland Protection Board logo on its website and marketing materials to promote the protected status of the property. *

- Discussed work on authorizing agreement for Twin Ridge Orchard to use Farmland logo. Reviewed draft license agreement.
- Ms. Johnson suggested we have “tagline” or way someone seeing logo could find out more about Farmland Preservation. Ms. Wheeler said she would add that.
- Was suggested it should be reviewed at some frequency, not open ended even though we do have right to revoke at any time.
- Mr. Glenn moved to adopt drafted agreement subject to adding license term is 5 years, mutually reviewed and the motion was seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Russ Quinn *

- Mr. Quinn’s last board meeting, having served from 2012-2020. He offered to continue to support board, volunteer for committee work, etc.

8:02 Adjourn

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