

Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board

Board Meeting - Monday, September 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM

JCDA Conference Room, 1948 Wiltshire Road, Kearneysville, WV

MINUTES

In Attendance: Mr. Banks, Dr. Hetzel, Dr. Stine, Catharine Johnson, Mr. Adams, (Director) Ms. Wheeler, (Director) Absent with notice: Edwina Benites L-M, Mr. Berndt, Ms. Tabb (County Commission liaison).

6:05 PMCall to Order and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Guests

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (Tuesday, August 20, 2024) *

Approval of Treasurer's Report: (August 31, 2024) *

Administrative Report

New Business:

- 1) **Discuss update on Property 40 trespass and restoration plan deadline with counsel.**
Chris Stroech discussed the current situation regarding the easement violation
- 2) **Consider for approval: Additional easement funding in the amount of \$254,500 to match NRCS award of \$1,012,500 and OHCF award of \$250,000 for Property 2024-04.**
* Dr. Stine moved to approve the additional easement funding in the amount of \$254,500 to match NRCS award of \$1,012,500 and OHCF award of \$250,000 for Property 2024-04, seconded by Dr. Hetzel. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3) **Consider for approval: Acceptance of OHCF Grant Agreement for \$250,000.** * Dr. Stine moved to accept the OHCF Grant Agreement for \$250,000, seconded by Mr. Banks. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4) **Consider for approval: Joint application with Berkeley County Farmland Protection Board for FY25 Property 2025-05 for 285 acres pending legal advice.** Dr. Stine moved to approve proceeding with the application, seconded by Mr. Banks. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5) **Schedule Easement Committee meeting for FY25 applications.** The Easement Committee will meet the week of October 21-25. Date and time TBD.
- 6) Public Comment
- 7) Adjourn

The Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board reserves the right to re-arrange items on the agenda if necessary to accommodate time constraints of the public or the Board.