Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board Meeting

Tuesday October 15, 2024 – 6:00PM

JCDA Conference Room 1948 Wiltshire Rd, Kearneysville, WV

Minutes

In Attendance: Neill Banks, Glen Hetzel, Kevin Snyder, Julia Yuhasz, Jason Adams, (Director) Edwina Benites L-M, Erik Berndt, Jane Tabb (County Commission liaison).

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (Monday, September 9, 2024)

Dr. Hetzel moved to accept the September meeting minutes. Ms. Yuhasz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: (August 31 and September 30)

Mr. Banks moved to accept the August and September Treasurer's Report. Ms. Benites L-M seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Report

Mr. Banks moved to accept the Administrative Report. Mr. Berndt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Christopher Stroech Counsel Update on Property 40 violation and deadline action

Dr. Hetzel moved to enter executive session for legal counsel on pending litigation. Ms. Yuhasz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Election of new officers: Vice President and Secretary

Dr. Hetzel was elected Vice President by unanimous vote. Ms. Yuhasz was elected Secretary by unanimous vote.

3. Consider for approval: Grant Agreement for Property 2024-04 with the West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund (OHCF)

Motion was approved by unanimous consent. Ms. Tabb as the JCFPB signatory

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.

4. Consider for approval: Keller Engineers proposal for the survey for Property 2024-04 for \$6,600.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

5. Consider for approval: Mark Schiavone proposal for Easement Documentation Report for Property 2024-04 for \$1,864.76

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

6. Consider for approval: Sirna Appraisers proposal for Yellow Book appraisal for Property 2024-03 for \$1,500.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

7. Consider for approval: Perry & Associates Bid for \$6,075 for the FY24 audit

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

8. Consider for approval: Quarterly invoice of \$6707.39 from Berkeley County Farmland Protection Board for 50% of Stewardship Manager salary and benefits.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

9. Consider for approval: Jason Adams signature authority for retention letter with Terrafirma.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

10. Consider for approval: Add cell phone line for Stewardship Manager, to split with BCFPB at \$50/per month.

Mr. Berndt moved to approve item 10; cellular phone for Stewardship Manger to split with BCFPB. Ms. Yuhasz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider for approval: Director graduate program tuition reimbursement.

Ms. Yuhasz moved to postpone motion until November meeting pending further study. Mr. Berndt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider for approval: Resolution in recognition of Catharine Johnson and Dr. Colin Stine.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent

13. Public Comment

14. Adjourn