

Tioga County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday May 20, 2024

7 PM Tokishi Building

Call to Order: Chairman Karl Kroeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Deb introduced Stephanie Zimmerman; Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Farmland Preservation

Roll Call: The roll call found six (6) members in attendance: Donald Norman, Karl Kroeck, Bill Plummer, Donald Hoffman, Donna Cleveland, and Gayle Morrow for the board. Also in attendance: Deb Crawford; Administrator and Kaye Aumick; Planning Director. Erica Tomlinson and Andrea Boyce; Conservation District. Commission Sam VanLoon, Jerry Crawford, and Connie Plummer.

Approval of Minutes: A copy of the April minutes was available for review. Motion by Donna Cleveland to approve, second by Bill Plummer. Motion carried by roll call vote with 4 yes votes and 1 abstain.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Funding – Deb Crawford reviewed the funding spreadsheet for 2023/2024.
- Farms in the Pipeline:
 - Cooper (2022) – Approved by the state on April 11, 2024. We should receive the state check with 12 – 14 weeks, then we will schedule closing.
 - Shuey (2022) – Working to get on the state board agenda for their June meeting.
 - Reese (2023) – Closing is scheduled for July 15.
 - Hamilton (2023) – Received the signed Agreement of sale. Waiting on the survey.
 - Powlison (2023) – Received the signed Agreement of sale. Waiting on the survey.
- Rankings – Reviewed for appraisals. Motion was made by Donna Cleveland to appraise the top 3 farms, second by Donald Hoffman. Motion carried by roll call vote with 6 yes votes.

New Business:

- Tashner Wetland Mitigation and Stream Restoration Project – Discussion continued on this project. An updated narrative agreement is needed to show the correct preserved acreage that is affected by the project. Motion by Donna Cleveland to approve, second by Donald Norman. Motion carried by roll call vote with 6 yes votes.

Other Business: Stephanie Zimmerman from the PA Department of Agriculture attended the meeting. Her discussion included: Federal Programs, Conservation Plans, and Farm Inspections.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2024 7:00 pm at the Tokishi Building

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Donald Hoffman, second by Donald Norman at 8:27 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Aumick.