

Tioga County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday July 16, 2024

7 PM Tokishi Building

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

Roll Call: The roll call found five (5) members in attendance: Donald Norman, Karl Kroeck, Bill Plummer, Donald Hoffman, and Gayle Morrow for the board. Also in attendance: Deb Crawford; Administrator and Kaye Aumick; Planning Director. Jerry Crawford, and Connie Plummer.

Approval of Minutes: A copy of the May minutes was available for review. Motion by Bill Plummer to approve, second by Donald Hoffman. Motion carried by roll call vote with 5 yes votes.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Funding – Deb Crawford reviewed the funding spreadsheet for 2023/2024. She worked some of the numbers trying to see if it would be possible to preserve the 3 farms 2024 that are being appraised. This would put the county and state funds at a negative balance.
- Farms in the Pipeline:
 - Cooper (2022) – Waiting for the state check; should be arriving in the next month. Then we will be able to schedule the closing.
 - Shuey (2022) – Received state board approval in the June meeting.
 - Reese (2023) – Closed on July 15.
 - Hamilton (2023) – Received the survey. Waiting on the title commitment, then will get everything uploaded to the state in time for encumbering by the end of the year.
 - Powlison (2023) – Received the survey. Waiting on the title commitment, then will get everything uploaded to the state in time for encumbering by the end of the year.

New Business:

- 2024 Review farm appraisals – We have only received the appraisal for the Barry Hultz farm. We are still waiting for the Matthew Yungwirth and Hilma Cooper appraisals. Should have them by the next meeting.

Other Business:

- Donations & Bargain Sales:
 - We have had a request for a donation sale. This is the Trostle farm in Delmar Township on the Fischler Street Ext and McKissick Road. This is a 93-acre parcel actively being farmed. Kaye has reached out to the state to get more information on how to proceed and what forms to be used for donations. A soils map was provided to the board. Motion by Donald Hoffman to move forward with gathering information, second by Donald Norman. Motion carried by roll call vote with 5 yes votes.
 - Bargain Sales is not in the county program; Deb Crawford will work to get this added. Bargain sales will allow the county to be reimbursed by the state for all the incidental costs for preserving a donated farm.
- Inspections:
 - Deb Crawford discussed the work she has been doing on getting ready for the yearly inspections. The planning office will be doing half the preserved farms and the conservation district will do

the other half. Deb has been working on filling out the farm inspection work sheets for each farm, this will make it easier and more efficient when the inspections are being done. She has also written a letter to be sent to the farmers advising of the upcoming inspections.

- There are 3 deeds at this time that have been found to have changed and the Deed of Easement for the preservation was not included in the new deeds. Deb will speak with the board of commissioners on how they would like to proceed with getting these deeds done correctly.

Next Meeting: August 19, 2024 7:00 pm at the Tokishi Building

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Gayle Morrow, second by Bill Plummer at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Aumick.