

Tioga County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday April 17, 2023

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 six (6) members in attendance: Donald Norman, Karl Kroeck, Donald Hoffman, Donna Cleveland, Gayle Morrow, and Sam Wilson for the board. Also in attendance: Deb Crawford; Administrator and Kaye Aumick; Planning Director. Public in attendance: None

Approval of Minutes: A copy of the October minutes were available for review. Motion by Donald Norman to approve, second by Donna. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Funding – Deb reviewed the funding spreadsheet.
 - We are waiting for the additional incidentals check from the state for the Gorda farm.
- Farms in the Pipeline:
 - Brucklacher (2020) – Approved by the state board on December 15, 2022. Waiting for the paperwork and check from the state, then we can move forward with closing.
 - Hess (2021)– Approved by the state board at the February meeting. Waiting for the paperwork and check from the state, then we can move forward with closing.
 - Cooper (2022) – State funded only. We are still waiting for their decision on the type of payments they would like; lump sum or installments. We cannot move forward with the title search until this decision has been made by them.
 - Shuey (2022) – State funded only. There was some difficulty obtaining the conservation plan. Mrs. Shuey was able to do a plan through the PAOneStop website. We have the plan in the office. The Ag E&S plan will be sent to the board members for review.
 - Bowen (2022) – County funded only. Moving forward; have survey and waiting on the title search. When we receive the title search, we can get the agreement of sale signed and move to close.

New Business:

- 2023 Application Period – The rankings and top 5 farms were reviewed.
 - It was decided that more information was needed in order to make a decision on the rankings. There was discussion on the rankings and how some of the scores were obtained.
 - Karl will speak with the conservation district for further explanation about the rankings and possibly reranking them.
 - Motion by Donna to wait until the May meeting to review and approve the rankings; second by Gayle. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- There was discussion among the board members about the purchase that took place of a preserved farm. The farm was purchased and now there is a subdivision possibly going to be happening. It has been determined that the subdivided portion and the residual lands will meet the requirements of the county program. The next step would be for the land owner to get a survey and proceed with the subdivision application and process.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2023 7:00pm at the Tokishi Building

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Aumick.