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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Present: N. Lathbury; C. Harding; C. Homan; F. Moore; T. Songer; J. Myers; R. Hoover; D. Buffington

Staff: Sarah Walter (Centre County Planning Office)
Stacy Mann (Centre County Planning Office)

Public: Shannon Rados, Sara Rados, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Connolly

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lathbury at 7:33 p.m.

Public Comments

Connelly Additional Residence Request

The Connolly Family introduced themselves they own a preserved farm on the eastern end of Walker Township that was preserved in 2001. Sarah presented a timeline of the Connolly Easement; letter form the Connolly's and Doug Wolfgang, Department of Ag and a property map. The research shows that there was a permanent residence and a trailer present on the property. The trailer was replaced with a doublewide using the existing water and sewer hookup. The Connolly's are requesting an additional residence on land that will not remove land from Ag production that will allow his daughter and three children to move back onto the farm. On a motion by Tom and seconded by Carl, the Board voted to approve the second residence request. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Fred and seconded by Cindy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

New Business

Board Reorganization

On a motion by Tom and seconded by Dennis, the Board voted to keep the existing officers as the previous year. Motion carried.

Fund Certification and 2019 Budget

Sarah reported that the following funds for 2019:

County \$88,097; Municipal (Ferguson & Potter) \$67,450; State \$679,353

And an anticipated Federal Reimbursement of \$431,582

For a working total of \$1.5 for 2019

2019 Ranking and Purchase Selection Schedule

Sarah presented the board with a 2017 Ranking list. Sarah will look into who has a conservation plan in place till the next meeting.

2019-2020 Appraiser RFP Selection

Sarah presented the board with the list of opened Appraisal RFP's

Brian Pedrick, Agrarian Associates \$1,500 Standard & \$2,000 for Federal Review

Ray Ceglar, Appraisal Centre, Inc. \$4,950

On a motion by Carl and seconded by Cindy, the Board voted to select Agrarian Associates as the appraiser for the next 2 years. Motion carried.

Old Business

Easement Status Updates

- Wheland: Sarah stated that the survey is completed and is being prepared for State Board.
- Connelly: Sarah stated that they are making some decisions on one of the exclusions so they meet zoning requirement for Ferguson Township.
- Meyer and Harpster: Sarah stated that the Meyer and Harpster Farms are now complete.

Stewardship Guidelines Discussion

Sarah presented to the Board the proposed LESA Stewardship Criteria Revisions. After long discussion the Board decided to vote. On a motion by Ron and seconded by Cindy, the Board voted to move forward with the stewardship guideline revision with adding the "as defined by NRCS and attachments". Motion carried.

Cindy left the meeting at 8:58 p.m. before the following discussion.

Joint ClearWater/CCALPB Proposal (Hess Easement)

Sarah presented the board with letter form ClearWater Conservancy regarding the Consent Request-Conservation Easement-Hess Farm. After a discussion on a motion by Joel and seconded by Carl the board voted to continue with the request for a Conservation Easement through ClearWater for the Hess Farm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 28, 2019 in Room 146 of the Willowbank Office Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion by Fred and seconded by Joel, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Sarah Walter
Recording Secretary