

ADAMS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Members -Attending In-person:

Craig Yingling, George Weikert, Chad Collie, Sidney Kuhn and Doyle Waybright (arrived at 7:13 pm)

Members - Attending by phone:

Ben Mearns

Absent:

David Wenk, George Taughinbaugh, and David Boyer

Staff-Attending In-person:

Ellen Dayhoff, Mark Clowney, and LeighAnn Abraham

Staff-Attending by phone:

None

Staff- Absent:

Kelly Koch

Guest:

None

The March 6, 2024 meeting of the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Board commenced at 7:08 pm in the Planning Conference Room at the Adams County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center.

I. Board Business

A. Approval of February 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Weikert made a motion to approve the February 7, 2024, ACALPB minutes; Mr. Collie seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

C. Board Appointments

1. Press Release – Contractor Position was advertised in the Gettysburg Times last Saturday. No word from Clarence Andrew, potential candidate, per George Weikert.

- D. New Business
 - 1. April ACALPB meeting will be the second Wednesday, April 10th. An email reminder will be sent in early April.
 - 2. Advertisement for Opening Round and public meetings will be in the March 9th Gettysburg Times.

- E. Legislative Updates/Issues
 - 1. PA Farm Bureau Updates (Mark and Dave W) – Mark and Dave attended Farm Bureau’s regional legislative update meeting on February 29th. Mark reviewed important topics discussed. Farm Bill is supporting bills for wildlife crop damage, limited solar on prime farmland, reducing MS4 regulations on farms, and revamping the over-order premiums in the dairy industry. State budget – the current draft budget looks very favorable towards agriculture with increased funding in different areas. Mark and Dave will be visiting Harrisburg the end of the month to talk to our local legislators.
 - 2. HB 1713 – Stambaugh – Additional house for each 80 acres. Letter was sent from the Board opposing HB 1713.
 - 3. HB 1777 – Brennan – Unencumbered funds to go toward Land Trusts.
 - 4. SB798 – Mastriano – solar not permitted on Class I and II soils.
 - 5. SB288 - Mastriano – regarding small subdivisions if adding to another preserved farm

II. Updates

- A. Township Updates
 - 1. Straban – No updates
 - 2. Union – Ellen is working with them on three farms
 - 3. Mt. Joy – interest from T. Brown neighbors

- B. LCAC Updates - Annual dinner is March 14th at the Historic Society’s new museum. American Battlefield Trust/Land Conservancy of Adams County article in Gettysburg Times was clarified by Mark. There are four parcels that were obtained this year that connect to existing battlefield areas.

- C. Parks, Recreation and Green Space Grant Program – No update

- D. Eisenhower Drive Extension Project – nothing new. Mark displayed the project schedule on the screen.

- E. PA Ag Discovery Center – Executive Director recruitment is ongoing.

Executive Session Opened

- III. Round 14 - Please refer to Round 14 Financial/Status Report – No Updated Report

- A. XIV-54 – State Board approved, waiting to go to settlement
- B. XIV-11 – State Board approved, waiting to go to settlement
- C. XIV-41 – Waiting for landowner to obtain right of way – update regarding 8 ft ROW

IV. Round 15 - Please refer to Round 15 Ranking Report

- A. XV-22 – survey in process
- B. XV-21 – new offer made
- C. XV-39 – in process for County only
- D. XV-19 – ASA needs to be recorded then in process to State Board
- E. XV-38 – survey in process for exclusion
- F. XV-11 - survey in process
- G. XV-34 – appraisal received, offer process
- H. XV-33 – on hold – discussion. Will discuss at the April ACALPB meeting.
- I. XV-44, 32, 30 – appraisal process
- J. XV-09 – Special Project with Cumberland/April State Board

Executive Session Closed

V. Executive Session Action Items

- A. XV-34 – Offer pending Tax Services review

Ms. Kuhn made a motion to offer 90% which is \$2,970 pending Tax Services review; Mr. Weikert seconded. Motion approved.

VI. Inspections, Transfer, Subdivision, Rural Enterprise Applications, Other Issues

- A. Scott Farm – 83 acres. The farm has sold, settlement this month.
- B. Horner Farm – (now King farm) Approval of Land Development Plan
ACTION.

King Farm landowners would like to construct a barn and septic system. Storm water management plan is needed per township. Mr. Waybright questioned why this is being constructed in the middle of a field. Our regulations do not regulate the location of Ag structures. It was noted that the location of the additional residence must be approved by the Board. Technically, the Ag Board is not required to sign this plan. Ellen, Mark and Kelly will speak further with the owners regarding their plan for this structure.

There was further discussion on what the future plans may be.

Ms. Kuhn made a motion for Mr. Yingling to approve and sign the Land Development Plan presented by the King Family; seconded Mr. Collie. Motion carried.

VII. Program Guideline Changes

A. Discussion/clarifications regarding Unique Purchase Situations.

Ms. Kuhn's provided thoughts and suggestions regarding Unique Purchase Situations which were sent to the Board. Mr, Weikert suggested having a special meeting (workshop) on this which we will schedule when a ACALPB monthly meeting is canceled for lack of action items.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Kuhn made a motion to adjourn the March 6, 2024 ACALPB meeting at 8:21 pm; Mr. Weikert seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



LeighAnn Abraham
Secretary

APPROVED