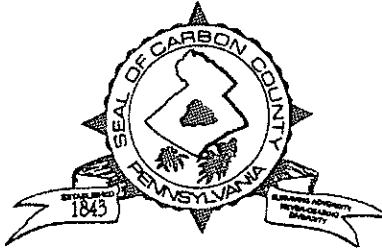


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## CARBON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

### MINUTES

#### BOARD MEETING – June 8, 2021

This board meeting of the Carbon County Agricultural Land Preservation Board was called to order at 7:01 P.M. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Carbon County Commissioners meeting room in the County Administration Building.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Richard Fedor, Chairman; Robert Selert, Vice-Chairman; John Strockoz, Member; Daniel Shoenberger, Member; David Bodnar, Secretary.

#### **ABSENT:**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dennis Cunfer, Diane Strockoz, Chris Lukasevich, Dennis DeMara

#### **QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting were approved, a motion was made by Mr. Selert and seconded by Mr. Strockoz. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Cunfer informed the board that the Graver Farm and Brewster Farm are currently or will be up for sale. Mr. Bodnar informed the board that he has not been formally made aware of that yet and will follow up on it to make sure all requirements are met.

**FUNDING UPDATE:** Mr. Bodnar presented a brief funding update.

#### Estimated Encumbered Funds (Rex 85/15 State/County):

State: \$292,715.60

2019 – \$144,366.94

2020 – \$148,348.66  
County: \$49,548.85  
Total: \$342,264.45

Remaining Funds:  
State: \$192,897.34  
2020 – \$3,502.34 **Need to Encumber by 12/31/21**  
2021 – \$189,395.00  
County: \$32,975.20  
2020 - \$6,514.20  
2021 - \$26,461.00  
Total Funds (State and County): \$225,872.54

Funding Certification by Carbon County: 2018: \$26,421.00; 2019: \$27,638.00; 2020: \$25,874.00; 2021: \$26,461.00

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. DeMara & County Commissioner Lukasevich provided the board with comments and information as to what happens next with the Conservation Finance Feasibility Study. Mr. Bodnar did receive one comments from Mr. Selert on the study in regard to how The Trust for Public Land came up with their figures for the section on Carbon County Land Conservation Properties. The Trust for Public Land responded that the figures came from analysis done by the Wildlands Conservancy and that the farmland figures are based on the number of acres currently waiting to be preserved in Carbon County.

Mr. Bodnar informed the board that they will need to remove the language from the program guidelines that requires the landowner to notify the board in writing before doing any changes to the footprint of a new or existing building. The state informed Mr. Bodnar that the board does not have any authority to deny or restrict where landowner's desire to expand for agricultural purposes including equine.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The board completed ranking in order of highest LESA score:

1. Bond
2. Cunfer #2
3. Miller
4. Degenhart
5. Eckert
6. Russo
7. Johnson
8. Gilbert
9. Blasko
10. Hahn
11. Zlomsowitch
12. Knight

A motion to accept the rankings was made by Mr. Selert and seconded by Mr. Strockoz. Motion passed. Mr. Selert then made a motion to hire Adress Appraisals to do an appraisal on Bond farm pending \$1,000 appraisal deposit and order title search from Carbon Search and Settlement seconded by Mr. Shoenburger. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Bodnar informed the board the Matthew George reached out to him in regard to building a solar farm on preserved land. Mr. Bodnar reached out to Doug Wolfgang of the PA Dept. of Agriculture and was informed that solar is only permitted on a preserved farm if the energy is primarily for use on the farm. A solar farm cannot be constructed on a preserved farm for commercial purposes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:39 PM.

David Bodnar  
Secretary