

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BUTLER COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

Farm Service Agency, 625 Evans City Road, Butler 16001

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 – 7:00PM

Members In Attendance	Members Absent	Visitors in Attendance
Ken Moniot, Chairman	Rick Stuchal	
Bill Duncan, Vice-Chairman	Eugene Bergbigler	
Larry Baumgartel, Treasurer		
Rob Burr, Secretary		
Luke Fritz		
John Allen		
Alvin Vogel		
		<b>Staff in Attendance</b>
	Commissioner Kimberly D. Geyer – Ex Officio	Sheryl Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ken Moniot on Thursday, February 23, 2023. A quorum was present.

**1. Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

**2. Commissioner’s Report**

- Commissioner Geyer was unable to attend the meeting.

**3. Election of Officers**

- Ken Moniot was previously appointed as Chairman by the Chairman of the Butler County Board of Commissioners, as required by the Butler County Agricultural Land Preservation Guidelines.

- There was a motion made by Rob Burr to keep other Board officers the same as in 2022. There was a second made by Alvin Vogel. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Chairman Moniot asked if the Board reviewed October meeting minutes and if there were any comments or corrections needed and if not, for a motion to approve. There was a motion made by

Treasurer Larry Baumgartel to accept the minutes with a second made by Alvin Vogel. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

## **5. Old Business**

### **- 2022 #1 Flinner, 2022 #2 Kradel and 2022 #3 Hartzell**

- Sheryl reported that we are waiting for the property surveys for both the Flinner and Hartzell farms. The Kradel farm was approved by the State Board at their morning meeting on February 23.

### **- 2023 Application Round**

- The Board worked on scoring each of the eleven new farms, on the items that are not measured (previously completed using county GIS, etc.). The scores were calculated and the farms were added into the list of farms not funded that was held over from 2022. The top two county farms were Graham and Misera and the top farm for Clinton Township's preservation program was Edwards.
  - There was a motion made by Luke Fritz to accept the 2023 Farm Ranking List and to proceed with the top two county ranked farms, with a second from Treasurer Larry Baumgartel. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
  - A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Bill Duncan to proceed with the Edwards farm for the Clinton Township program. There was a second from John Allen. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
  - The Board asked Sheryl to use Trustmark Real Estate Appraiser Ron Benson if he is not backed up with other appraisals, with appraiser Jim Kelly as a backup if needed.
- Preserved Farm Signs – Sheryl reported that all 100 signs have arrived and the Board asked Sheryl to send a letter to each preserved farm offering one sign per farm.

## **6. New Business**

- There was no new business.

## **7. Adjourn**

Chairman Moniot called for a motion to adjourn. There was a motion made by Treasurer Baumgartel with a second by John Allen. All were in favor and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

**March 23, 2023 at the**

**Farm Service Agency Building, 625 Evans City Road, Butler, PA 16001**

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Kelly for Board Secretary Rob Burr.