

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

Farm Service Agency, 625 Evans City Road, Butler 16001

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021 – 7:00PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Vice-Chairman Bill Duncan on Thursday, August 26, 2021. A quorum was present.

**1. Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

**2. Commissioner’s Report**

- Sheryl Kelly passed along the Commissioner’s apology for not being able to attend. The Commissioner had asked that if anyone in the farm community was having any problem being served by various agencies dealing with agriculture to please let her know. There was additional discussion on how various agencies provide different services, how some of their roles have changed in past years but those services are still being provided.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Vice-Chairman Duncan asked for a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. There was a motion by Rick Stuchal with a second made by Secretary Rob Burr. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**4. Old Business**

- **2019 #1 Thurber Farm** – Sheryl reported that the Thurber farm was approved by State Board on August 19. This represents the county’s 66<sup>th</sup> farm preserved with 6,900 acres. This meeting also represented the state’s 600,000 acres preserved milestone for Pennsylvania.

- **2021 #1 Maple Shade Farm** – The offer approved by the Board at the July meeting (conditional upon state approval of the appraisal) was made to the owners and they have accepted. The state is currently reviewing the appraisal for accuracy. Vice-Chairman Duncan asked for a motion to proceed with the survey, title work and other work needed to move this recommendation along. There was a motion made by Secretary Rob Burr with a second by Alvin Vogel. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- **2021 #2 Pizor Farm** – Sheryl reported that Sammartino, Stout & Lo Presti of Erie will complete the self-contained appraisal for this farm as required by NRCS for federal funding. The County Solicitor has recommended having their Letter of Engagement approved at a Commissioner’s meeting and it will appear on the Board of Commissioner’s September 1<sup>st</sup> agenda for approval. They will get started at that point and will have the report completed in 60 days.

**- Clinton Township Ag Preservation Farms-**

- Allen (2021 #1) – Sheryl sent program information to the owners and they are reviewing this prior to making a commitment to proceed.

- Allen (2021 #2) – The Board reviewed the full appraisal that was delivered on August 26. Vice-Chairman Bill Duncan asked for a motion to make the offer as shown in the appraisal report, conditional upon state review and approval. Secretary Rob Burr made that motion with a second by Rick Stuchal. All were in favor and the motion was approved. John Allen abstained from the vote because of his relationship to the farm owners.

**5. New Business**

- **Stormwater Tax**– There was discussion on a new tax in at least one township in Beaver County regarding stormwater. This is also being discussed by municipalities here in Butler County.

**6. Adjourn**

Vice-Chairman Duncan called for a motion to adjourn. There was a motion made by Rick Stuchal with a second by Secretary Rob Burr. All were in favor and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, September 23 at the**

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

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Kelly for Board Secretary Rob Burr.