

## PA GRAZING LANDS COALITION

### PA GLC

10 July 2019

Cow-a-Hen Farm

1761 Centennial Rd

Mifflinburg PA 17844

The Board meeting was called to order at 1:10 by Tom Calvert, Chairman. Directors Justin Geisinger, Michael Kovach and John Courtney were present. Susan Parry - NRCS State Grassland Conservationist, was in attendance. Technical Advisors Kelly O'Neill- Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Franklin Egan-PASA, Susan Richards- Capital RC&D, and guests Jessica Matthews-PASA Dairy Grazing Apprentice and Ted Barbour (Lycoming county grazier) were also in attendance.

### TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORTS

Penn State Extension Quarterly reports were distributed and reviewed. Tom Calvert distributed and briefly commented on two pieces from his files on the early grazing programs in PA. The pieces, from 1983 and 2005, will be available with the current technical reports on the website.

### MINUTES

Minutes of 10 April 2019 were reviewed and accepted with no changes.

### TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurers report dated June 21 was distributed, discussed. The report shows we are on budget and was accepted without issue.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Mini Grants:** 7-10-19 Report reviewed. \$1,050.00 of budgeted \$8,200.00 left this fiscal year.

**National GLC Focus Group/Conservation Innovation Grant:** CIG wrap up session expenses and reporting are completed. At this point, PA GLC may have surplus/residual funding (\$5,700) to be retained as unspent contracted earnings, to fulfill its charitable mission.

**Membership:** Chairman Calvert said he would work on filling vacant board positions, along with the Executive Committee members.

### OLD BUSINESS

Susan Richards reported on partner efforts with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Mountains to Bay Grazing Alliance) and a newly-formed PA Soil Health Partnership (through Stroud Water Research Center) that are progressing and should add additional funding and project work for PA GLC as a partner. More information to follow at October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; there was a handout from Capital RC&D outlining GLC work products.

### NEW BUSINESS

2020-2022 NRCS Statement of Work (Agreement #68-2D37-17-010) was reviewed and found to be acceptable as a projection for our work into the future. This long term (three year) commitment totaling \$67,000, in a matching contributory agreement with NRCS gives GLC

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stability and momentum. **It is the consensus of the group to approve the proposed agreement.**

**Programming.** Consider evening and Saturday events to facilitate full and part-time farmers attending 2020 meetings and events. Next year is the 40th anniversary of Project Grass. Chairman Calvert is willing to attend and help with any efforts to recognize this milestone. Chairman Calvert would like the board to increase efforts to draw other stakeholders into our grazing promotion and programming efforts. Tim Elder, NW region Grazing Specialist has announced his retirement.

Next meeting will be Wed. 9 Oct. 2019 at Mountain View in Boalsburg. This meeting will be Annual Meeting, and the election of officers and requires 30-day advance notice.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15. Several of the Board members and partners stayed to support PASA and attend the on-site pasture walk hosted by Cow-a-Hen Farm which included a locally-sourced meal served as well.

John Courtney  
Secretary

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