

PA GRAZING LANDS COALITION
19 JANUARY 2021
BOARD MEETING
Electronically Via Zoom
(Covid-19 Pandemic)

The Board meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by Tom Calvert, Chairman. Directors present were Duane Hertzler, Cliff Hawbaker, John Courtney, Ann Swinker, Michael Kovach, Brian Moyer, Tom Ulrich, Shelley Oswald, Jennifer Albright, and Glen Cauffman. Susan Parry-NRCS State Grassland Conservationist/PA GLC Coordinator and Michael A Margo-National GLC Coordinator were present. Technical advisors present were Susan Richards-Capital RC&D, Dave Hartman- PSU Dairy and Animal Science, Donna Foulk- Equine advisor, and Aaron DeLong-PASA/DGA.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORTS

Quarterly reports: PASA Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship and educational programming, Penn State Field and Forage Crops Team and Livestock Team, and Soil Health Coalition that were provided in meeting packet were summarized. Other reports will be posted as they become available.

MINUTES

Minutes of 20 October 2020 were reviewed and on motion by Cliff Hawbaker and second by Duane Hertzler accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT

Quarterly financial statements are not available today due to health issues affecting those who provide it. Duane reported verbally and we are however in good financial health. Quarterly Budget to Actual Statement will be sent when it becomes available. On motion by Shelly Oswald and second by Brian Moyer, the report was accepted and filed for audit. It appears we are making way in resolution of the IRS EIN number situation, thanks to Senator Casey's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Grazing Lands Coalition-Michael Margo promoted National Grazing Convention to be in the East, at Myrtle Beach, 6-9 December this year. He also outlined some of the National initiatives to improve networking, education and communication with e-networking and e-books to enhance relations between individuals, states, institutions, and organizations. **Grant committee**- One grant pending for a series of videos through Headwaters RC&D. A few approved grants were canceled due to Covid. **Media**- Jennifer reported on the increasing website use, website redesign and programming updates.

OLD BUSINESS

Susan Richards reviewed funding for podcasts and discussed a training video on the revised NRCS Pasture Condition Scoring that will soon be available.

NEW BUSINESS

The National GLC Collaborative Conservation agreement as finalized. \$ 10,000 Social Media (Blog and Chatroom), \$ 7,000 -Training sessions (producers and NRCS Staff), \$ 5,000 Support to attend National Conference. On motion by Shelly Oswald and Second by Ann Swinker, Susan was asked to move forward to generate interest and scholarship submissions to attend the national conference as part of the Nat GLC CC agreement.

NEXT MEETING

2021- 20 April, 20 July, 19 October 2021.

Next in-person meeting (20 April or July 2020) was tentatively scheduled as a field day to take place at Calvert Farm.

Adjourn 2:59 PM

Respectively submitted,

John Courtney
Secretary