

PA GRAZING LANDS COALITION
Combined Meeting Notes (Secretary not present)
Tuesday October 19, 2021
Mountain View Country Club (Wyndham Garden Hotel)

Call to Order: 10:10

INTRODUCTIONS/Attending: GLC Board members Cliff Hawbaker, Duane Hertzler, Ann Swinker, Tom Ulrich, Tom Calvert. Shelly Oswald, Glenn Cauffman and Michael Kovach joined remotely; Technical Advisors attending were (either in-person or remote)- Cheryl Burns and Susan Richards (RC&D), Susan Parry (NRCS) Dave Hartman and Leanne Dupstadt (PSU Extension), Franklin Egan (PASA), Kelly O'Neil (CBF), and Kathy Soder (ARS).

BOARD NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS (See Board List, Officers and Committees)

- No nominations were received on the floor.
- Nominating Committee report was also given with no new nominations.
- Motion to retain the current officer slate for another year (Hawbaker/Kovach). Motion carried.
- Discussion point about potential conflict of interest with current grants resulting from Duane Hertzler becoming National GLC treasurer was raised and discussed.
- It was moved, seconded and approved that the organization create an Audit Committee to review the financial statements (no names recorded).
- Discussion concerning recruitment of new members. Chair Tom Calvert suggested that Ag organizations be contacted to get representative members for the board.
- Hertzler offered to mentor new treasurer.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR REPORTS

- Reports will be emailed to the membership when/if received.

MINUTES

- Motion to accept minutes as presented (Kovatch/Hertzler). Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORTS (Duane Hertzler)

Year-to-Date statement (End of Fiscal Year)

- Motion to accept treasurers reports subject to audit (Hawbaker/Swinker). Motion carried.
2022 Budget Items/Work Plan
- Discussion about budget and work plan, work plan not yet complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- National GLC Report made by Duane Hertzler. There are 11 PA GLC representatives/guests attending from Pennsylvania. Titus Martin is not able to attend, so there is a request to transfer conference stipend from Titus and Linda Martin to Alan and Margaret Jaymes; Motion was made and seconded to approve change of stipend award (Hertzler/Hawbaker). Motion carried.
- NRCS State Technical Committee- Updates given by Susan Parry.
- Grants Committee- Discussion regarding current grants and promotion for upcoming year discussed. Report of one new application (Franklin County Winter Meeting) and reimbursement paid for SW Project Grass event.
- Education/Outreach Committee- Calendars were distributed to subject family farms, GLC membership, technical advisors, as well NRCS and conservation district offices (3,500 received); requests for additional copies can be made to Susan Parry or Kelly O'Neill.

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OLD BUSINESS

PA Mentoring Network Evaluation/Capacity Building –

Discussion about the following items:

- Concerns related to errors and omissions liability including suggestion about indemnification language in agreement between mentor and mentee
- Providing guidelines for mentors to avoid giving advice that could go wrong.
- Questions about budget for mentors and how many mentors that could support
- Discussion of three documents developed for the program by PASA.
- Motion to continue to support the program rollout (Hawbaker/Hertzler). Motion carried.
- Cliff and Duane volunteered to work as an ad hoc committee to continue the program's development and approve any additional work.

National GLC Collaborative Conservation grant- Update provided by Susan Richards; Deliverables for the three elements for the grant are moving forward according to the timeline.

NEW BUSINESS

NCBA Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP) Nominations (handout)

- Discussion regarding timeline of nominations. Agreed that the deadline is too soon to nominate in 2022 due to the need for a lot of documentation.
- Motion to pause the nomination process for the ESAP award for this year was made and seconded (Kovach/Swinker). Motion carried.

2022 NW Grazing Conference: March 17, 2022

Events, Trainings, Conferences

*2022 PA GLC Meeting Schedule (dates based on 3rd Tuesday, sites TBD):

January 18th; April 19th; July 19th; October 18th (mark your calendars!)

- Suggested change for the January meeting to January 11 to hold the meeting at Farm Show; Motion to accept the meeting dates with the change was made and seconded (Swinker/Kovach). Motion carried.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 (via Zoom or 1/11 during Farm Show?)