

Minutes of PGFLC
DIRECTORS MEETING
9 April 2014
CONFERENCE CALL
10:00 AM

Chairman Hawbaker called the meeting to order. Directors Susan Beal, Duane Hertzler, Helene McKernan, Dick McElhaney, Donna Foulk, Mike Harper, and John Courtney were present on the call. Technical Advisors Susan Parry-NRCS PA GLCI Coordinator and Tim Elder -NRCS PA Regional Grazing Specialist, Ann Swinker- PSU Equine and Dave Hartman- PSU Beef were also present.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORT

Ann Swinker-PSU equine, updated the group on Pasture Workshops, pasture/ manure management activities and the "Environmentally Friendly Farm" project activities. She reported they got a grant to look at parasite resistance. Our board e-mail list is available for inclusion on the list of recipients of the Equine newsletter to keep interested parties informed of the Equine activities. She also asked for articles that could be considered for inclusion in the newsletter.

Dave Hartman-PSU Livestock; summarized the recent Beef webinar and drew our attention to the upcoming sheep management meetings and the Cattleman's Conference on 9 May.

Susan Parry -PA NRCS GLCI Coordinator, summarized the NRCS report that was emailed in regards to activities across the state promoting grazing. She summarized a report submitted by Kathy Soder, USDA- ARS Pasture Lab that reported an increase in their budget under the new farm bill. Their future is more certain than was apparent in recent years as they focus on long term effects and relationships between Agriculture and Climate change and environmental management.

Technical reports were asked to be submitted in summary form so the complete reports could be e-mailed.

MINUTES

On motion by Dick McElhaney and Second by Duane Hertzler, the minutes of 08 January 2014 were approved as presented by e-mail.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers report was reviewed and discussed as e-mailed, and the new format explained. On motion by Dick McElhaney and second by Helene McKernan, the report was approved as presented. Treasurer requests all to compile and submit their Quarterly reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

CIG for Pasture Soil Health are now available. Susan Richards of Capital RC&D reported on the status of our joint Conservation Innovation Grant. Four Demonstration farms have been identified to "Expand Knowledge." Equine operations are in process of being identified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grant committee summary as e-mailed was reviewed and accepted by the group. \$2,400.00 of NRCS budgeted funds are as of now, not yet committed.

Next Technical Committee is 16 April. The importance of this forum was emphasized concerning opportunities to set program priorities and review existing guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS

Anyone with information or recommendations for by-laws changes, please forward to the Executive Committee who will present proposals for change at the next meeting. Susan Beal is forwarding the by-laws in electronic format to all.

Silvopasture events will be forthcoming. Watch e-mails.
Keep 12-14 August open to volunteer for our activities at Ag Progress Days.

NEW BUSINESS

Status of our Plan of Work was briefly reviewed and it will be more deeply scrutinized at our next meeting.

Next Meeting:	July 9	Meeting and field Tour, Swinker Farm 180 Windy Butte Lane Springs Mills PA
	October 8	Meeting at KILE
	Jan 14	Conference Call

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM

John Courtney
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