Minutes of PGFLCC DIRECTORS MEETING 9 July 2014, 1:00 PM Windy Butte Farm, Spring Mills PA

Chairman Hawbaker called the meeting to order. Directors Susan Beal, Duane Hertzler, Helene McKernan, Dick McElhaney, Matt Bomgardner, Dave Williams, and John Courtney were present. Susan Parry-NRCS PA GLC Coordinator; Ann Swinker- PSU Equine; Dan Kniffen, Jasmine Dillon- PSU; Dave Hartman and Ben Williams-PSU Extension, Ann Nogan and Brandon Smale-CBE; Becky Berger-Beaver County Conservation District, Susan Richards-Capital RC&D; and Kathy Soder-NRCS-ARS were also present.

Our hosts were thanked for the AM tour and overview of the farm- operations, facilities, animals, and philosophy.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORT

Ann Swinker-PSU equine, updated the group on upcoming training for nutritional management of horses.

Susan Parry summarized the NRCS report distributed regarding the work of the regional specialists across the state promoting grazing.

Kathy Soder, USDA- ARS Pasture Lab reported an increase in their budget and work will likely be facilitated with contract workers and Grad Students rather than new hires. New areas of interest include carbon, energy, and grass-fed livestock.

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

NATIONAL GLC

Good things are expected with the new cooperative agreement with the Nobel Foundation, an organization that is involved in Agriculture Worldwide.

MINUTES

On motion by Dick McElhaney and Second by Duane Hertzler, the minutes of 09 April 2014 were approved as presented.

TREASURES REPORT

Treasurers report was reviewed and discussed as e-mailed and presented. On motion by Dick McElhaney and second by Dave Williams, the report was approved as presented. Treasurer requests all to compile and submit their Quarterly reports. On motion by John Courtney and second by Susan Beal, it was decided to have the reimbursement rate for mileage float with the government rate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: On motion by John Courtney and second by Susan Beal, Six new grant requests were funded at the levels recommended by the grant committee.

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350.00
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2,850.00

Susan Beal, Susan Parry and Equine folks made plans for the GLCI Technical Committee to prepare for the upcoming State Technical Committee Grazing Presentation in October.

Get By-laws suggestion to the Executive Committee who will have revisions ready for review at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Keep 12-14 August open to volunteer for our activities at Ag Progress Days.

2013 Silvopasture project and 2014 CIG grant email summary was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Status of our Plan of Work was reviewed. On motion by Dick McElhaney and Second by Dave Williams, decided to make greater efforts to strengthen our communication and information dispersal efforts through newsletters and electronic media. On motion by Helene McKernan and Second by Dick McElhaney, it was decided to add 5,000.00 dollars to any new grant requests to cover education and communication. Funds to encourage attendance to the 2015 National grazing conference should be funded also. Having face to face meetings in the coming year is a priority.

Request for mentoring involvement and the list of producer champions was reviewed. Susan Richard reported a mini Grant of \$2,000.00 was obtained through NatGLC to support further work related to the CIG project.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: OCTOBER 15 Board meeting, @ Hoss's, State College

N. Atherton St.- Annual Meeting and elections

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John Courtney PGFLCC Secretary

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