



Shenandoah County
Conservation Easement Authority
Office of Community Development
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MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2017 5:00 PM

Board Conference Room

CEA Members present: Chairperson Kelly Watkinson, Dee Hockman, Doug French, Leon Smith, Cindy Dellinger, and Supervisor Steve Baker

Others Present: Jill Jefferson, Staff

Meeting was called to order at 5:05

Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Doug French made a motion to approve the February 23, 2017 minutes for the CEA meeting; the motion was seconded by Leon Smith, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

Announcements, New Chair

Chairperson Kelly Watkinson has stepped down as chair of the CEA and will continue as a member of the CEA. Her new job will prevent her from regular meeting attendance. Cindy Dellinger made a motion, seconded by Leon Smith, for Dee Hockman to assume Chair and Doug French to assume Vice Chair. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

CEA Strategic Plan Goals

Discussions on the CEA Strategic Plan were postponed to the June meeting.

County Easement Updates

Jill met with the Crisman landowners to help identify special characteristics on their property that would make them more competitive and figure out if it would qualify for an easement. They are interested in having the County hold the easement.

Letters of support to VOF and other Foundations to certify that proposed easements are keeping with the County's Comprehensive Plan that Jill maintains will be reported on to the CEA.

Mt. Jackson – Tisinger farm – interested in easement but they are in the growth area for Mt. Jackson. The property is in the floodplain so it is essentially not buildable anyway. Jill and Bradley will pursue conversations with Mt. Jackson to see if something can be worked out for an easement on the Tisinger farm with the potential for walkways.

Strategic Planning

- Reviewed the goals laid out in draft plan drafted by Jill based on the previous meeting conversations.
- Committee is going to review closer and provide comments and suggestions to Jill to adjust appropriately.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39

Next meeting: June 7, 2017

Mission statement of the CEA:

“To retain the rural character, ensure agricultural sustainability, and protect historic and natural resources in Shenandoah County by promoting, holding/co-holding and purchasing Voluntary Conservation Easements”.