

**Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board**

**Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2023**

The Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board met virtually November 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in attending the meeting had the opportunity to attend as it was announced prior in the Citizen’s Voice newspaper. The agenda and previous meeting minutes were made available on the Luzerne Conservation District website.

**Attendance:** The following members were in attendance: Linda Thoma, Board Chair; Rich Yost, municipal; Bryan McManus, developer; Blakslee Masters, farmer; Martin Smith, farmer, Jon Lucas, farmer and Nancy Snee, at-large. Jennifer Lauri, program administrator, was also present.

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:**

Linda Thoma called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

The meeting minutes for October 4, 2023, were presented for approval via email prior to the meeting. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes. Blakslee seconded it. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the acres available for Farmland Preservation on the Yost farm based on the most recently completed survey. Bryan made a motion to amend the previous offer, and offer Richard and Nancy Yost \$3,500/acre based on the appraisal completed for their 52.746 acres available for easement. Martin seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed. Rich Yost abstained.

Jennifer presented the appraisal summary information for the Kevin C Drasher farm. Nancy made a motion to offer \$3,450/ acre to Kevin Drasher for the Farmland Preservation easement on his 90 acres. Rich seconded the motions. None opposed. Motion passed.

Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Jon Lucas (Secretary)