

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board  
Wednesday, June 9, 2010  
Location: Kent/MSU Extension

Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Gabe Hudson

Members Present: Tom Antor, Jerry Davis, Carlton Blough, Gabe Hudson, Sr. Lucille Janowiak, Suzie Reinbold

Members Absent: Dennis Heffron

Staff Present: Jen DeHaan, Kendra Wills

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADOPTION OF May 12, 2010 MINUTES**

Blough moved and Davis seconded the adoption of the minutes as presented. Unanimous.

**FREY GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

Motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to accept the terms of the \$250,000, three-year PDR grant from the Frey Foundation made by Antor with support from Davis. Unanimous.

**JULY 1, 2010 USDA FRPP GRANT PROPOSAL & OPTION AGREEMENTS**

Motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to offer option agreements to the following five farms totaling approximately 500 acres and apply for additional USDA NRCS Farm and Ranchland Protection Program funding available in July 2010 through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative made by Davis with support from Blough. Unanimous.

- a. James Bradford Family Trust (Sparta Township)
- b. James Bradford Family LLC (Sparta Township)
- c. Rose Kruithoff Trust (Tyrone Township)
- d. Don Wollander (Nelson Township)
- e. Heffron Family Protection Trust (Grattan Township)

**PHASE 1 REPORTS**

Motion by Janowiak with support from Davis to order Phase 1 environmental reports for the five farms included in the July 1 FRPP proposal to earn extra points in the scoring criteria. Unanimous.

It was noted that Washtenaw County is doing Phase 1 reports for all farms in their FRPP applications. Wills stated the estimated cost of a Phase 1 report is \$1,800 per farm. The purpose of a Phase 1 report is to determine the potential of hazardous materials/environmental contamination on the property through landowner interviews, database searches and a site inspection by an environmental consulting firm. Wills will work through the Kent County Purchasing Department to offer and accept bids for this work.

## **PHONE POLL**

DeHaan reported that the PDR Funding Sustainability Subcommittee will be holding a meeting on June 29 with EPIC/MRA to work on the phone poll questions. Ag Board members will be invited to attend this meeting. A specific time has not been set. The meeting will take place in Room 311 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the County Building.

## **MEETING WITH MEIJER FOUNDATION**

Blough, Hudson, possibly Heffron and Wills will meet with Meijer Foundation representatives about their interest in accepting a grant proposal to support PDR. Commissioner Parrish will be asked to join the meeting as well.

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION PLAN**

After some discussion, the Ag Board requested that Wills draft a press release to announce the awarding of federal grant funds to preserve the five farms applied for in February as well as the preservation of the eighth farm in June. The press release should come from the Ag Board. The public needs to be kept informed of the program's progress.

Wills reported that the banner for the Ag Board has been ordered!

## **CANCEL JULY MEETING**

After some discussion, a motion was made by Reinbold with support from Davis to cancel the July meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August at 11:30 AM to be held at the Dairy Barn at the Kent County Youth Fair.

Written by Kendra Wills.