

Farmland Protection Board
Minutes
April 2, 2001

Members Present: Shannon Donley, Roger Dailey, Jane Peters, Janet Stine and Jane Tabb.

Not Present: Jack Quinn & Joe Osterman.

Others Present: Craig Yohn

Treasurer's Report: \$1,000.00 still in check form. \$2500.00 in administrative monies from the County Commission.

Committee Reports: Paperwork completed -ready to be sent to Lavonne Paden to be forwarded to David Layva with Morgan and Berkeley County's applications.

Land Data on Farmland assessment is finished. Hold up is getting Farm Bureau Maps scanned as this is the only source for property lines. Dr. Patrick Drohan from Shepherd College would like to compare the data collected against of data such as the agricultural census. He is looking into the legality of the assessor withholding tax map data files. Dr. Drohan and Craig Yohn are endeavoring to get the Farm Bureau Maps from Dr. Jerry Fletcher in Morgantown so that they then can be scanned at Penn State.

Farmland Protection Plan has made a preliminary review of the Berkeley County Draft Plan. A discussion followed about the importance of the criteria committee.

Fundraising: Suggestions were made to contact the Appalachian Trail Conference and Civil War Preservation Groups. There was also a discussion on rumors regarding a golf course to be built by the state through the DNR. It was suggested that a letter be written to the owners of this land to consider the use of easements. Jane Tabb will draft the letter.

Old Business: Bylaws were reviewed and signed.

New Business: Shannon will attend Land Trust meeting at the Woods. He will do a presentation on our status.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Peters