

Jefferson County Farmland  
Protection Board  
Minutes  
May 7, 2001

Present: Jane Tabb, Roger Dailey, Jack Quinn, Janet Stine and Joe Osterman

Not Present: Jane Peters

Others: Craig Yohn, Dr. Patrick Drohan, Simon Trevathan.

Treasurer's Report: \$1,000  
\$2,500 County Commission Account

The County Commission approved an account number for the Farmland Protection Board which was then approved and assigned by the state.

Non-profit Status: Paperwork is complete and submitted to Mr. Layva for his review.

Dr. Patrick Drohan gave an overview of the Shepherd College Environmental Technology Department and how it can be of assistance to the farmland Protection Board. Simon Trevathan, a student at Shepherd and of Dr. Drohan's, made a presentation discussing the in Jefferson County that are presently signed up for the farmland assessment program. There was discussion about acres per "farm" versus the average size of each tract and that the two did not necessarily mean the same thing.

The subcommittee for the development of an evaluation system for land prioritization for preservation presented a first look at the criteria. The committee pointed out several changes and they were made during the meeting. One that will be revised is the evaluation of sides of the land in agriculture. Changing from number of sides to percent of sides.

Clint Hogman has written a request for the Legislative Digests. At this point, the Digest money has not been appropriated.

Land Trust Meeting:

Mrs. Stine and Shannon attended and found that Jefferson and Berkeley County farmland Protection Boards are very close in their progress in getting a working committee. Berkeley is putting together a brochure and will be sending it out with the property tax bill.

Jane Tabb presented a letter to be sent to the landowners of the proposed state owned golf course in Jefferson County. No action was taken.

A website is being considered for all three counties to participate. Preliminary work has been done to find someone to design the site.

Janet Stine and Lavon Paden made a presentation to the Association of Soil Conservation Districts about the progress of the Berkeley and Jefferson County Farmland Protection Boards.

There was a discussion to hold one versus two meetings. A motion was made by Jack Quinn, seconded by Joe Osterman to hold one meeting per month on the first Monday of the month, during June, July, and August. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.