

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Schoharie Land Trust Board of Directors was called to order by Ken Hotopp at 7:50 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill on 20 June 1991

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Hotopp	Eugene McCaffrey
Mary Jo O'Donnel	Dan Schuppel
Robert Smith	

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John and Virginia Mauhs

A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT so no action could be taken

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Recording Secretary: absent, but minutes of the 16 May 1991 meeting were read and corrected.

Treasure: absent, but stated there are 16 paid members to date.

Corresponding Secretary: absent, but stated the need for legal assistance in filing 501-c-3 documents. John Mauhs, member present, offered his experience in this matter.

Vice-President: commented on and emphasized the need to keep up with the GATT Legislation, in order to protect American farms.

President: Reported the donation of \$500.00 from Helen Pickett. Also that receipts were necessary to receive reimbursements of personal expenditures.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Robert Smith noted the availability of \$2000 - \$3000 from Presbytery for specific projects. Also available is \$4000 from VECA. He stated there is a possibility of keeping VECA accounts open for future needs.

Dan Schuppel reported securing a check for \$500 from

Presbytery Human Development Fund. He also passed around an article from N.Y. Times on farming in Schoharie, which included an interview of him.

Gene McCaffrey gave an update on what he has done about the Land Preservation and Enhancement Program (LPEP), which is funded by Iroquois Gas Transmission System;

1. provided a letter sent in outlining the time schedule
2. went over new proposal

guidelines 3. a rough outline was then distributed. Much discussion followed. Conclusive remarks: if no administrative costs were to be picked up by proposal grant, the possibility of turning down the grant, should be considered. The following people were to be contacted by SLT members to secure ideas on this matter:

Bob Smith contact Pete Lopez, Schoharie Supervisor

Dan Schuppel contact Duncan Bellinger, Esperance Super. Gene McCaffrey contact Linda Gaydushek, Wright Super. Sandy Ford contact Art Graulich, Carlisle Supervisor

Ken Hotopp & Bob Smith met with Mrs. Pickett at her home and tossed around some ideas. It was suggested that she donate it to SLT to keep it in farming as a production unit. Life long use of her house was also suggested. Other components of a proposal might be;

A. 220 acres B. inheritable lease
C. boundary survey D. base line assessment
of property K. Hotopp and B. Smith will write a proposal to be ready by next meeting, that can be submitted to Mrs. Pickett.

Bob Smith stressed the importance of N. Y. S. Land Trust Alliance membership, and of attendance by SLT members at their quarterly meetings to secure expertise and helpful information.

Dan Schuppel and Mary Jo O'Donnel brought attention to the "Agriculture Protection Bill", number 7126, submitted by Governor Cuomo. This would allow counties to place a surcharge of 1/4% on all property sales in that county and use the proceeds to protect agricultural land.

Mary Jo O'Donnel asked everyone to write Sherwood Boehlert stating there position of SLT on GATT Legislation.

Bob Smith passed out "Earth to Board", which states responsibilities of Board members.

Ken Hotopp secured information from Catskill Center on Bonding. This was passed on to Dan Schuppel to look into bonding and insurance

for Board members.

Mary Jo O'Donnel stressed need for a uniform agenda.

NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next meeting will be on 18 July 1991 from 7:30 pm at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Dan Schuppel
Board Member