

GREENE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023

In attendance:

Jerry Cunningham, Chair, Agribusiness
Joel Dubois, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District
Ray Ward, Greene County Real Property
Kevin Lewis, Farmer
Mike Bulich, Greene County Legislature
Debbie Kavakos, Ag Land Pres – Community Supported Agriculture
Warren Hart, Greene County Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Tourism
James Hannahs, Greene County Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Tourism (non-voting)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cunningham at 5:32 PM.

The present board members went through introductions before Chairman Cunningham requested the presentation of requests for inclusion to begin.

James Hannahs presented and described the 2023 Annual Requests for Inclusion into Agricultural District #124.

James Hannahs provided an overview of the current district information:

Agricultural District No. 124
839 Parcels
42,180.83 acres

James Hannahs presented and described the 2023 Annual Requests for Inclusion into Agricultural District #124 in the table below.

Owner	Address	Town/Village	Tax Map ID	Acres
GCSWCD	421 CR56	Windham	97.00-3-37	12.28

AFPB evaluate two factors when making recommendations:

- 1) Whether the parcel of land consist predominantly of “viable agricultural land” and
- 2) Whether the inclusion of the land serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district.

James Hannahs presented information about the requests as well as soil types including prime farmland soil and farmland of statewide importance.

APFB members did not present any issues with the sole applicant for inclusion to district 124. Joel Dubois, acting as a representative of Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District (the sole applicant), distributed site photos and plans to supplement information provided in the presentation. Ray Ward questioned if the Town of Windham Supervisor supports this application, to which Joel Dubois responded affirmatively. Jerry Cunningham asked if the local approvals for the project associated with this application were in place, to which Joel Dubois responded affirmatively.

Kevin Lewis made a motion to accept the request for inclusion by Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Debbie Kavakos.

No discussion on the motion was held.

The motion to accept the request for inclusion by Greene County Soil and Water Board carried 4-0 by the AFPB, with Dubois, Bulich, and Cunningham recusing.

A report and resolution will be submitted to the County legislature.

The public hearing on the AFPB 2023 Report will be held on January 17th, 2024, 6:25pm in Catskill prior to the Greene County Legislative meeting in the Legislative Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Greene County Office Building, 411 Main Street, Catskill NY 12414.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joel Dubois and seconded by Ray Ward. No discussion was had, and the motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58PM.