

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:30

Members Present: Mike Miner, Craig Staebner.

Alternate Members Present: Mackenzie Beckwith

Guests present: None

Mackenzie seated as member

Additions to agenda:

Motion #1 Mike made motion to add “draft of bylaws to be discussed” to the agenda, Mackenzie 2nd.

Approval of Minutes: Craig rescinded the motion for election of secretary from last months meeting.

Motion #2 Craig made motion to accept minutes from 1/18/24 as amended, Mike 2nd.

Old Business:

Social Media Update: Agriculture picture submissions can be emailed to mackenziebeckwith@gmail.com

Protected Lands Update: Capital Improvement Project for open space fund can accrue funds, continue to look into open space funding for Ag Commission.

Wouldn't it be nice if there were “Friends of the Ag Commission”

Budget Discussion: Current \$400 towards Ag Business brochure. July \$400 budget (and \$600 proposed increase) plans to be spent on 2025 Franklin Agriculture and Conservation calendar.

Motion #3 Mike made motion to formally request an additional \$600.00 added to the Franklin Agricultural and Conservation Commission budget for next fiscal year (2025) to be used for promoting agriculture and land conservation which will include a 2025 Franklin Agriculture and Conservation calendar creation expense. Mackenzie 2nd. The Franklin Agriculture and Conservation Commission formally requests a budget increase of \$600 to aid in the promotion of agriculture and land conservation in the town of Franklin.

New Business:

Bylaws Draft: Bylaws draft looks good for now. Will table for review at next meeting with more members present.

Election of Officers:

Motion #4 Mike made motion to nominate Craig as Secretary, Mackenzie 2nd. Hearing no objections the motion passes.

Adjournment:

Motion #5 Craig made motion to adjourn, Mike 2nd. Adjourned at 8:35PM.

****Next meeting is March 21st 7:30PM at Town Hall.****