

# **Tioga County Agricultural Land Preservation Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday July 20, 2026**

**7 PM Tokishi Building**

Call to Order: Chairman Karl Kroeck called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call: The roll call found (4) members in attendance: Karl Kroeck, Bill Plummer, Donald Norman, Donald Hoffman. Gayle Morrow arrived at 7:20pm. Also in attendance: Kaye Aumick; Administrator and Rachel Courtney; Planning Director

Public in attendance: Connie Plummer

Approval of Minutes: A copy of the May minutes was available for review. Motion was made by Donald Hoffman to approve, second by Donald Norman. Motion carried by roll call vote with 4 yes votes.

Public Comment: None

### Old Business:

- Funding – Kaye Aumick reviewed the funding spreadsheet for 2025/2026.
- Farms in the Pipeline:
  - Yungwirth (2024) – Working to get everything needed settled so we can move forward. Hopefully, we will be able to begin movement on this farm in the next few months.
  - Hultz (2024) – The new property deed has been completed and reviewed by the state. All parties involved must now sign the deed and have it recorded. Once this is done and the updated title commitment has been received the AOS and other documents will be updated. This farm is on the state board meeting schedule for October.
  - Trostle (2024 – Donation) – We are still waiting for a call back from the Trostle's to have a last look at the farm and the reclaimed gas pads to verify if there will be any updates needed on the map.
  - Cooper (2025) – This is ready for approval at the state board meeting on August 20. The adjoining landowner letters have been sent out.

### New Business:

- 2026 Farm appraisal reviews were completed for the top 3 farms. It was discussed and voted that the top 3 farms can begin the process for preservation. Motion to proceed with the top 3 farms was made by Bill Plummer, second by Donald Norman. Motion carried with 4 yes votes.

Other Business: There was a discussion on ways to promote the program this year. The goal is to increase the amount of applications for good viable farmland in the 2027 application period.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2026, 7:00 pm at the Tokishi Building. (Meeting Cancelled)

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Donald Hoffman, second by Donald Norman at 7:40pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kaye Aumick.

## Kaye Aumick

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**From:** Kaye Aumick  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2026 1:48 PM  
**To:** Donald Hoffman; Donald Norman; Donna Cleveland; Gayle Morrow; Karl Kroeck; kroeckkarl@gmail.com; Rachel Courtney; Sam Wilson; William Plummer  
**Cc:** Rachel Courtney; Melissa Underwood  
**Subject:** CANCELLED - August 17 Meeting

Good afternoon,

I am cancelling our meeting that is scheduled for Monday 8/17, as we have no new business at this time. I have started to put together the offer letters and packets for the 3 farms selected for this year: David Zeafla, Michael Shuey #2, and Tim Kaltenbach Sr. I hope to have them in the mail early next week.

Please see the updates below on the current farms:

1. Barry Hultz (2024) - the new deed has been signed by all except his daughter. I have called and reminded him that this needs to be done soon. Once this is done and the updated title commitment has been received the AOS and other documents will be updated. This farm is on the October agenda for the state board meeting.
2. Hilma Cooper (2025) - Ready for state board approval on August 20.
3. Matthew & Sheila Yungwirth (2023) - Still working to get everything settled.
4. Lori Trostle (2024 - Donation) - We are still waiting for a call back from Glenn to have a last look at the farm and the reclaimed gas pads to see what will need to be updated on the map, if anything.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Please respond that you have received this cancellation notice.

Thanks,

*Kaye Aumick*

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