

**LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 17, 2022
FARMLAND PRESERVATION WORKSHOP**

The Levy County Board of Levy County Commissioners Farmland Preservation Workshop was held on May 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Rock Meeks
Comm. Matt Brooks – by phone
Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon inquired of what a Conservation Easement was. Stacey Hectus responded to Mrs. Cannon’s inquiry and gave an explanation of a Conservation Easement. Other audience members who spoke were: Sallie Ann Collins and Terry Witt.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Current Farmland Preservation in Florida – Rural and Family Lands Protection Program: The Rural and Family Lands Protection Program is an agricultural land preservation program designed to protect important agricultural lands through the acquisition of permanent agricultural land conservation easements. This program is administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Diane Garte, Kim Wheeler, Parks Wilson, Brandon Peters, J.D. Holmes, Desiree Mills. Tommy Harper spoke of the importance of agriculture land conservation in Levy County and suggested the Board consider pulling agriculture properties from Ag./Rural Residential.

Ms. Hectus inquired of direction from the Board how they wished to proceed. If another workshop is desired, when should it be scheduled and would the Board like to invite local agriculture producers? Following discussion, Ms. Hectus agreed to bring back proposed dates for another Workshop at the June 7th Regular Board Meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Rock Meeks