

MINUTES

Farmland Protection Program Durham Soil and Water Conservation District 721 Foster Street Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Number: 8 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: September 18, 2014

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank- Chairman- At large
Will Wilson- Vice Chairman- Eno VAD
Kathryn Spann- Soil and Water Representative
Samantha Gasson- At Large
Mark Waller- Farm Bureau Representative
John Monroe- At Large
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water, Director
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Open Space, Manager
Wendy Seddon- Open Space
Perry Whitted- citizen
Matt Kinane- NRCS

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 and called to order at 8:12 am by the Vice Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster Street in the second floor conference room.

1. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Samantha Gasson second the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Membership** – Perry Whitted is visiting because he may serve as the Open Space representative on the Farmland Board.
3. **Budget update-**
 - Lisa Marochak reported that staff purchased a portable microphone for the Farmland tour. The remaining budget is \$3,775.41
4. **Easement Updates-** Jane Korest reported on the following:
 - Did not receive federal funding for the two applications that were sent to FRPP in February.
 - Started meeting with Mr. Daye & sons and should do the survey soon.
 - Prodigal Farm- Hoping to close on Prodigal Farm soon
 - Korest is going to follow-up with a couple of landowners to see if they are still interested in placing a conservation Easement on their property.
5. **Ag Development Coordinator-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
 - **Foods Policy Council**
 - Kelly Warnock with Durham County Public Health wants to know if any Farmland Board meeting would like to serve on the council.

- GAP certification- CFSA is willing to hold another training for free this fall. The training would be for a day and ½.
 - Federal Grant- Kelly Warnock did survey to see if a N. Durham Farmers Market is needed.
 - Likely location school ground
 - ADAFP Grant- for Peter Skillern was not awarded.
6. **Farm Tour** – The board finalized details about the upcoming Farm Tour that will take place on October 3rd. All handouts for the packets need to be sent to Lisa Marochak by September 26th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Board Appointment Policy-update:** Lisa Marochak passed out a copy of the new Board Appointment Policy.
2. **Farm Bill/ASAP:** Matt Kinane went over some changes in the Farm Bill that may affect farmers.

Next Meeting Date – October 16, 2014 at 8am- (Agricultural Building) 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman, Neil Frank adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Neil Frank
Chairman

Will Wilson
2nd Vice Chair