

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 2 (Farmland Advisory Board)      Date: April 16, 2015

#### **Advisory Board Present:**

Neil Frank- Chairman- At Large  
Will Wilson- Vice Chair- Eno VAD  
Kathryn Spann- Soil and Water Representative  
Wendy Jacobs- BOCC Representative  
Perry Whitted- Open Space and Trails  
Anthony Lopez- Falls VAD  
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD  
Demetrius Thompson- At Large  
Mark Waller- Farm Bureau Representative  
Talmage Layton- At Large  
Samantha Gasson- At Large

#### **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  
Annette Hiatt- citizen  
Linn Lopez- citizen  
Deborah McGiffin- Cooperative Extension

*The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 and called to order at 8:06 am by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster Street in the second floor conference room.*

- 1. Minutes** – A motion was made by Kathryn Spann to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Wendy Seddon second the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Membership** – Lisa Marochak gave an update on membership. The Board still has not received a resignation letter from Alicia Butler. Marochak will send a notice to the Clerk to the Board.  
Eddie Culberson reported that Douglas Daye and Demetrius Thompson were recognized by the BOCC on April 13<sup>th</sup> for serving on the Farmland Board.
- 3. Budget update-** Lisa Marochak gave an update on the budget. Remaining budget for FY15 \$2,958.58
  - Financial Assistance for Northern High School/FFA- There is a need for fundraising materials. They need \$600 for plant materials/financial assistance. A motion was made by Demetrius Thompson to provide \$600 to Northern High School/FFA for plant materials/financial assistance. The school will need to provide quarterly updates on the greenhouse to the Farmland Board. Perry Whitted seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- 4. Easement Updates-** Jane Korest reported on the following:
- March 26 closed on 64 acres Blalock Farm.
  - Douglas Daye and George Tilley- Korest is going to start spending significant time on these two farms.
  - Adcock and McFarland Farm- no announcement on state deadline
  - Working with other interested landowners
- 5. Ag Development Coordinator-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- **Northern High School Media Event-** will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. Wendy Jacobs recommended that staff send out an email to invitees indicating the dignitaries that will be at the event.
  - Submitted grant for Veterans
  - Opening for Bull City Cool will be in May or June
    - Board already approved a couple hundred for refreshments
  - **Durham cub market/Ag Building-** Kathryn Spann reported on the following:
    - Mike Dupree provided the details on what a curb market could look like and the structure.
    - The subcommittee group got together at John Monroe's house and discussed the following:
      - Market Name- The group like 'Durham Centennial Market' the best.
      - The market will be run by the vendors (All vendors sit on the board)
    - **Next Step-** Planning Department would have to determine if there is adequate parking. Mike Dupree and Kathryn will handle this.
    - **Central Market-** outreach to the Central Market Board- Kathryn Spann and Mike Dupree are planning to attend the meeting on May 5.

**Next Meeting Date – May 21, 2015** at 8:00am- Agricultural Building 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701/Second floor conference room.

**Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Chairman, Neil Frank adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

Neil Frank  
Chair

Will Wilson  
Vice Chair

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