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

Meeting Number: 9 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: December 10, 2015

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank- Chairman- At Large
Will Wilson-Vice Chair
Wendy Jacobs- County Commissioner
John Monroe- At Large
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Mark Waller- Farm Bureau Representative
Tony Lopez- Falls/Lick Creek VAD
Perry Whitted- Open Space & Trails Representative

Others Present:

Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Jane Korest-Open Space
Linn Lopez- Citizen
Elizabeth Zander- PCC

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 and called to order at 9:32 am by the Chairman. The meeting was held at Fullsteam Brewery 726 Rigsbee Ave Durham, NC 27701.

1. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Mark Waller to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented. Perry Whitted seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Budget**- Lisa Marochak reported that since the last meeting the Farmland Board has spent \$228.33 on food for the Farmer Appreciation Breakfast.
3. **Easement Updates**- Jane Korest reported on the following:
 - The Federal deadline is January 15, 2016
 - Korest will submit 4 applications this year
 - A motion was made by Will Wilson to support moving forward with the easement process/application for Bull City Farm and Austin Glenn’s Farm.
 - Korest will resubmit applications for Paul Adcock and Scottie McFarland
 - Working on a couple of potential farms for the future
4. **Ag Development Coordinator**- Mike Dupree reported on the following:
 - **Annual Report**- Dupree passed out a draft copy of the Farmland Advisory Boards Annual Report. The FPAB went over the draft and made some changes. Dupree will bring back the draft with changes to the January 14th FPAB meeting and the board will finalize the Annual Report to present at the BOCC work session on February 1st.
5. **Farmer Appreciation Breakfast Series**
 - January 21 breakfast will be held at Bull City Cool. This will be a panel discussion for farmers on GAP certification. Invitations will be mailed out the end of December.
 - February 18 Breakfast will be held at John Hoffman’s.
 - March 17 Breakfast- possible location is the PFAP. Wendy Jacobs will contact the new PFAP Interim Director
6. **Farmers Market Subcommittee report**-
 - A. John Monroe gave an update on the Northgate location for the market.

- Start date would be the first Saturday in April.
- Submitted permits to the City of Durham- reserved name
- Held first organization meeting and have a few new names for potential vendors.
 - Working on articles of incorporation and bylaws- almost ready to submit to the state
- Still looking for a market manager intern. Monroe will send out what they are looking for in a market manager intern to the FPAB, so they can help find an intern.
- Mike Dupree volunteered to do the community outreach for the market.
- **Durham Farmers Market/JCCP-** Wendy Jacobs reported on the following:
 - Drew Cummings has been working with the Durham Farmers Market and is still trying to get information from them. Drew met with the chair of the market last week.
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New Business:

DFFN Meeting- Will be held on January 8, 2016 6:00pm-8:30pm at the United Methodist Church

Next Meeting– January 14, 2016 at 8:00am

Agricultural Building Durham Soil and Water (721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701)

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman, Neil Frank adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.

Neil Frank
Chair

Will Wilson
Vice Chair

Date approved