

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 5 (Farmland Advisory Board)      Date: July 16, 2015

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

Neil Frank- Chairman- At Large  
Kathryn Spann- Soil and Water Representative  
John Monroe- At Large  
Perry Whitted- Open Space and Trails  
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD  
Demetrius Thompson-At Large  
Will Wilson-Vice Chair

#### **Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson-Soil & Water  
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water  
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water  
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water  
Wendy Seddon- Open Space  
Jane Korest-Open Space  
Jessica Pope-Contractor with Soil & Water

*The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, July 16, 2015 and called to order at 8:04 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. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Budget update-** Lisa Marochak reported that the Farmland Board received \$3,870 for FY15-16 in the Soil and Water county budget. Jane Korest reported that \$500,000 in capital funding was received for Open Space & Farmland.
3. **Easement Updates-** Jane Korest reported on the following:
  - Starting survey work on George Tilley and Douglas Daye
  - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - still waiting to hear from Fed.
4. **Ag Development Coordinator-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
  - **Breakfast Series** - The board decided to hold the breakfast series on the following dates: November 12, 2015 at Neil Franks with guest speaker Johnny Rogers; December 10<sup>th</sup> location and speaker TBD; February 18<sup>th</sup> location and speaker TBD
  - **Bull City Cool/Mixer-** The board would like to have the mixer in January. Mike Dupree will check with Bull City Cool and see what date will work for them.
5. **Farmers Market Subcommittee report-**
  1. Kathryn Spann reported that the market subcommittee met and discussed the following:
    - **Parking at Agricultural Building-** the back entrance is not going to be closed
    - **Durham Curb Market-** Kathryn went over the mission statement and pointers for the market that the subcommittee came up with. She will email the information to the board.
      - Neil Frank will set up a meeting with the County Manager's office and the subcommittee.
      - Eddie Culberson will ask Talmage Layton to contact Farm Bureau to see what the cost is for liability insurance.

- Demetrius Thompson will contact the County Attorney

2. John Monroe reported on the following:

- **Northgate mall** is still interested in hosting the Durham Producer Only Market but planning said that they need additional parking spaces.

3. **Farmers Market Survey**- Jessica Pope went over the survey results with the board.

**Next Meeting Date – August 20, 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 9:33 am.

Neil Frank  
Chair

Will Wilson  
Vice Chair

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