

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 4 (Farmland Advisory Board)      Date: April 21, 2011

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

Kathryn Spann- Soil & Water Representative/Chair  
Neil Frank- At Large/Vice Chair  
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD  
Melissa English- At Large  
John Monroe- At Large  
Bo Glenn- Open Space & Trails Representative  
Gus Gray- Cape Fear VAD  
Talmage Layton- Falls/Lick Creek VAD  
Demetrius Thompson- At Large  
Ron Bodkin- Business Representative

#### **Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water  
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water  
Wendy Seddon- Open Space and Real- Estate  
Greg May- Tax office  
Patrick Linder- Research/Intern for UNC Social  
Science Dept.

*The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday April 21, 2011, and called to order at 8:04 am by the chair. The meeting was held at the Soil and Water office, the chairman and vice chairman being present.*

- 1. Minutes** – A draft copy of March 2011 minutes was sent to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the minutes. Neil Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Financial Report-**  
**Farmland Board Financial Report-** Eddie Culberson went over the financial report for the Farmland Advisory Board.  
**CIP Budget-** Wendy Seddon reported that there are no new updates at this time.  
**County Budget-** Eddie Culberson reported that the county budget has not been approved yet. The State and Federal budgets are still uncertain.
- 3. New Members** - Eddie Culberson reported that he has an application for Roger Tilley who would like to join the Farmland Board as an At Large member. Kathryn Spann is going to check and see if we have an opening for At Large. A motion was made by Bo Glenn to accept the application for Roger Tilley as an At Large board member pending we have an opening. Neil Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 4. VAD Update-** Eddie Culberson reported on the following
  - **Applications-** Had 1 application since the last board meeting but it is not ready to be presented at this time.
- 5. Comprehensive Plan-** Kathryn Spann reported that the subcommittee met since the last board meeting to discuss changes to the comprehensive plan. Kathryn Spann went over the proposed changes to the plan. A motion was made by Bo Glenn to submit the

comprehensive plan after amendments and final review by email. Ron Bodkin seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

6. **Jordan High School-** Eddie Culberson reported that Lisa Marochak received an email from Danielle Melino stating that it's too close to the date of the trip to submit all the paperwork needed and get it approved. She also indicated that all of the farms she contacted were either too busy or didn't get back with her. Melino did indicate in her email that they are looking for donations to help them purchase a hauler for the lambs they raise. The board would to have more time to speak with Melino and others before making a decision.
7. **Equipment Tax-** Kathryn Spann reported that the board asked for some numbers from the tax office a while back and she is just wondering when the board can expect to receive them. Greg May reported that Colleen Scarlett is working on the numbers.
8. **Piedmont Grown-** Neil Frank discussed the Piedmont Grown event that took place on April 21<sup>st</sup> in the Extension Conference room. The board would like for Lisa Marochak to add a link to Piedmont Grown under the Farmland section of the Soil & Water website.
9. **Annual Report-** Kathryn Spann reported that she is going to finish up on her section and contact Lisa Marochak so that they can start putting the report together.

**New Business**

1. **Legislative Update-** Eddie Culberson gave an update on were the Division of Soil & Water stands at this point with the legislators.
2. **Carolina Farm Stewardship Association-** conference planned for November 11-13 in Durham

**Set Next Meeting Date** – May 19, 2011

**Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

*Kathryn Spann*  
Chairman

*Neil Frank*  
Vice Chairman