

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 5 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: May 19, 2011

Advisory Board Present:

Kathryn Spann- Soil & Water Representative/Chair
Neil Frank- At Large/Vice Chair
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Roger Tilley- At Large
John Monroe- At Large
Bo Glenn- Open Space & Trails Representative
Talmage Layton- Falls/Lick Creek VAD
Demetrius Thompson- At Large
Ron Bodkin- Business Representative
Samantha Gasson- At Large

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak-Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Wendy Seddon- Open Space and Real- Estate
Jane Korest- Open Space Manager
Greg May- Tax office
Colleen Scarlett- Tax Office
Jarrod Dennis- Assistant Principal Northern High School
Rick Sheldahl- Durham Public Schools
Michelle Wallace- Horticultural Agent

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday May 19, 2011, and called to order at 8:03 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 April 2011 minutes was sent to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the minutes. Samantha Gasson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Financial Report-**
Farmland Board Financial Report- Lisa Marochak report that there are no new updates at this time.
CIP Budget- Jane Korest reported that there are no new updates at this time.
- 3. New Members-** Kathryn Spann welcomed the newest at Large member Roger Tilley to the board meeting. Mr. Tilley introduced himself to the board.
- 4. VAD Update-** Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
 - **Southern High School-** Eddie Culberson reported that Mike Dupree recently did two presentations on the VAD Program at Southern High School
 - **VAD Applications** there are no new applicants at this time but the Soil & Water office did receive an anonymous phone call last week. The person wanted to know if we had any VAD FARMS on Leesville Rd. Soil & Water has checked with the Register of Deeds and they have the Leesville Rd. parcel on file

5. **Equipment Tax-** Colleen Scarlett reported that the ASSESSED equipment value is 1.9 million. \$15,703 in taxes was COLLECTED Talmage Layton would like to know how much it cost the County to collect the \$15,703. Colleen is going to bring the listing form to the next board meeting.
6. **Ag Economic Development Coordinator-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- **Jordan High School-** Mike Dupree reported that Jordan High School is in need of seed funds \$500 -\$1,000. CTE Director is going to ask DPS for the funds first. Samantha Gasson suggested that Jordan High School call seed companies for free seeds.
 - **Farmers Market –** Mike Dupree reported that he and Will Wilson have been working on finding a location for a farmers market. They are waiting on City/County Planning to ok the site. Meeting planned for week of June 6th.
 - **Southern High-** Eddie Culberson reported that the City of Durham was going to buy plants from Southern High School but now they have decided to purchase them from the botanical gardens.
 - Mike Dupree reported that the Durham Soil & Water board is working with Minnie Forte on a CCAP rain garden installation and she is planning to purchase plants from Southern High School.
7. **Comprehensive Plan-** Will Wilson and Bo Glenn met with DOS last night to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.
- Kathryn is going to forward the online survey to the board and staff
8. **Earth Day-** Will Wilson reported that he worked at the Farmland Board/DOS booth during Durham's Earth Day Event. There were lots of visitors and he was able to give away some brochures and bags.

New Business

1. **Northern High School-** Rick Sheldahl, CTE Director for Durham Public Schools and Jarrod Dennis with Northern High School spoke with the board about the plans for adding an Agricultural Education Program at Northern High School 2012-2013 school year.

Set Next Meeting Date – June 23, 2011 at 8am

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 9:49 am.

Kathryn Spann
Chairman

Neil Frank
Vice Chairman