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

Meeting Number: 1 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: January 21, 2016

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank- Chairman- At Large
Will Wilson-Vice Chair
Kathryn Spann- 2nd Vice Chair
Wendy Jacobs- County Commissioner
John Monroe- At Large
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Tony Lopez- Falls/Lick Creek VAD
Perry Whitted- Open Space & Trails Representative
Samantha Gasson- At Large
Talmage Layton- At Large

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Heather Dutra- Soil & Water
Jane Korest-Open Space
Linn Lopez- Citizen
Elizabeth Zander- PCC
Deborah McGiffin- Cooperative Extension

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 and called to order at 10:10 am by the Chairman. The meeting was held at Bull City Cool 902 N. Mangum Durham, NC 27701.

- 1. Minutes** – A motion was made by Samantha Gasson to approve the minutes from the December meeting as presented. Talmage Layton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Proposed changes to the County Solid Waste Ordinance-** Wendy Jacobs introduced Brian Haynesworth and Ossie Daye from Durham County General Services. The staff members went over the proposed changes to the Durham County Solid Waste Ordinance with the Farmland Board and ask them to provide comments. All comments should be sent to Lisa Marochak by February 1st. Marochak will compile the comments and forward them to Brian Haynesworth.
- 3. Budget-** Lisa Marochak reported that since the last meeting the Farmland Board has spent \$155.43 on food for the Farmer Appreciation Breakfast.
Lunch for GAP Workshop Jan. 21 - A motion was made by Wendy Jacobs to approve up to \$100 for box lunches to be provided to the GAP Workshop participants. Perry Whitted seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 4. Easement Updates-** Jane Korest reported on the following:
 - On January 15, 2016 Korest submitted 4 Federal applications this year
 - Korest will resubmit applications for Paul Adcock and Scottie McFarland
 - Signed options to do easements on Bull City Farm and Austin Glenn's Farm.
- 5. 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. All comments should be sent to Mike Dupree or Lisa Marochak by February 1st. Dupree will bring the

final draft to the next meeting on February 18th. The Farmland Advisory Boards Annual Report will be presented at the BOCC work session on March 7th.

6. Farmer Appreciation Breakfast Series

- February 18 Breakfast will be held at Piedmont Food and Processing Center (PFAP).

7. 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.
- Bylaws are ready to be submitted to the Secretary of the State. Copies have been sent to the subcommittee.
- **Market manager intern-** Monroe met with a freshman from NC Central University to discuss the market manager intern position. The intern is meeting with Northgate tomorrow. A motion was made by Kathryn Spann to support the hiring of the freshman from NC Central University for the Market Manager Intern position. Tony Lopez seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Market Rules-** Monroe went over the market rules. Northgate wants to be an ex-officio member, no toothpicks will be allowed at the market and Northgate would like signage at the booth.
A motion was made by Kathryn Spann to accept the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws and market rules for the 'Durham Roots' farmers market. Tony Lopez seconded the motion.
- **Funding-** Monroe inquired about the funding request for the Durham Roots farmers market. Monroe will look into this matter further.
- **Farmers Market Announcement-** Has gone out in the newspaper.

New Business:

- **Indoor Market-** Mike Dupree reported that a farmers market is being proposed at the old co-op building. They will have 30 vendors and this will be an indoor market.

Next Meeting– February 18, 2016 10:00am at the PFAP- Piedmont Food and Processing Center after the Farmer Community Breakfast.

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman, Neil Frank adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Neil Frank
Chair

Will Wilson
Vice Chair

Date approved