

MINUTES

Farmland Protection Program Durham Soil and Water Conservation District

Northern High School
117 Tom Wilkerson Rd Durham, NC 27712

Meeting Number: 2 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: March 16, 2017

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank- Chairman
Will Wilson- Vice Chair
Kathryn Spann- 2nd Vice Chair/Durham SWCD Rep.
David Heeks- At Large
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Samantha Gasson- At Large
Nicole Connelly- At Large

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Jane Korest-Open Space
Celeste Burns- Real Estate Coordinator
Deborah McGiffin- Cooperative Extension
Elizabeth Zander- Piedmont Conservation Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 and called to order at 10:00am by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 117 Tom Wilkerson Rd, Durham, NC 27712.

1. **January Minutes** – A motion was made by Kathryn Spann to approve the minutes for January 2017. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Farmland Tour**
 - David Harris, Durham SWCD Associate Supervisor talked to the Farmland Board about the possibility of getting legislators to attend the tour and/or breakfast on May 18th. The Legislators will still be in long session on May 18th and may not be able to go on the tour. David will send out an invite to the Legislators for the Tour and breakfast to see who can attend.
 - Farmland Tour stops- possibly add Larry Ricks and Earth Seed
3. **Farmland Breakfast**
 - Lisa Marochak will see if Greg May with the Tax Department can attend one of the breakfast.
 - Soil and Water staff will look for farmers to possibly speak at the breakfast about the VAD Program.
4. **VAD Renewal** – A motion was made by Kathryn Spann to approve the VAD renewal application for Katie Newton. The application is for 68.805 acres. Nicole Connelly seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **EVAD**- The board talked discussed the difference between the VAD Program versus the EVAD Program. Durham Soil and Water staff will see if someone can come talk to the board about EVAD.
5. **Farmers Market update**-Will Wilson gave an update on the Durham Roots Farmer's Market.
 - **Market Manager**– Still looking for a Market Manager to 5 hours on Saturdays and 2 hours during the week. They will get paid \$12 hr.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Eastern Triangle Farm Tour-** Samantha Gasson reported that the tour will be held on September 18-21. <https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/etft/>
2. **DFFN-** Nicole Connelly gave an update on DFFN.

Next Meeting– April 20, 2017 at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701 (second floor conference room)

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman, Neil Frank adjourned the meeting at 10:45a.m.

Neil Frank
Chair

Will Wilson
Vice Chair

Date approved