

MINUTES

Farmland Protection Program Durham Soil and Water Conservation District

Agricultural Building
721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Number: 3 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: April 18, 2019

Advisory Board Present:

Will Wilson- Chairman
Neil Frank- At Large
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Heidi Carter- BOCC Representative
Talmage Layton- At Large
John Monroe- At Large
Kenny Browning- Eno River VAD
Kathryn Spann- Soil and Water Representative

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Open Space
Celeste Burns- Open Space
Darnell Parker- Cooperative Ext

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 and called to order at 8:09 am by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701.

1. **Board Minutes-** A motion was made by Neil Frank to approve the February and March minutes that were emailed prior to the meeting. John Monroe seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Budget-** Lisa Marochak reported that the Farmland Protection Advisory Board has a remaining balance of \$1,541.53 in their line item.
3. **Easements- Celeste Burns reported on the following:**
 - Working on 5 farms funded.
 - Len Needham application is moving forward
4. **VAD update**
 - **VAD Renewal-** Lisa Marochak presented one renewal VAD application for consideration:
 - Stephanie Garrett- The application is for 25.142 acres on Harris Mill Rd.
A motion was made by Neil Frank to approve the renewal VAD application as follows. Kathryn Spann seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **VAD signs-** Lisa Marochak reported that we only have three VAD signs in stock. A motion was made by Heidi Carter to purchase enough signs to have five total for each VAD area. John Monroe seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
5. **Farmers Market update-** Will Wilson gave an update on the Roots Farmers Market
6. **Farm Campus-** Jane Korest provided an update on the campus. It is continuing to be a group effort.

- 7. Ag Economic Development update-** Mike Dupree gave a report which is attached. Items on report were discussed.
- Mayor Collaborative Council- next meeting is on May 6 at 4:00 pm.
 - Neil and Will are the two Farmland Board representatives on the Council.
 - Heidi Carter asked the Farmland to look at the Wake County Food Security Plan before the next meeting.
 - Mike Dupree thanked the Farmland Board for their generous donation to support the Summer YouthWork Program.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Cooperative Extension-** Darnell Parker is helping farmers create financial statements and analysis for their operations.
- 2) **Ordinance update-** The Farmland Board Ordinance Committee will meet in June to review the ordinance. Any recommended changes will be brought to the full board in July.
- 3) **Business Representative-** Neal Curran is stepping down at the end of his term. We will need to start looking for a replacement.

Next Meeting—May 16, at 8am. The meeting will be held at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701. We will have two guest speakers at the May meeting. They will be talking about Agri-tourism and City/County Planning.

- The Farmland Board will NOT meet the month of June or August.

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman, Will Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Will Wilson
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

Date approved