

MINUTES

Farmland Protection Program Durham Soil and Water Conservation District

Agricultural Building
721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Number: 9 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: August 15, 2019

Advisory Board Present:

Will Wilson- Chairman
Neil Frank- Vice Chair
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Heidi Carter- BOCC Representative
Nicole Connelly- Little River VAD
Mark Waller-Farm Bureau Representative

Others Present:

Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Open Space
Celeste Burns- Open Space
Ashley Troth- Cooperative Ext
David Harris- Soil & Water District

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 and called to order at 8:06 am by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701.

1. **Approval of Board minutes from April-** Motion made by Neil Frank to approve minutes as presented, 2nd by Nicole Connelly. Motion passed
2. **Budget Update-** *Presented by Lisa Marochak*
FY19-20 Farmland budget \$3,375
3. **Easements-** *Jane Korest reported on the following:*
 - Celeste has been working hard on the easements
 - Three of the easements have been submitted to the Feds for consideration
 - Still waiting on info for one of the easements
 - Funding awarded for Len Needham's easement. Planning to take to the September BOCC meeting for approval.
 - Now is a good time to have conversations with interest farmers
4. **VAD update-** Lisa Marochak reported that she had fourteen VAD applications for consideration:
 - A motion was made by Mark Waller to batch and approve the fourteen VAD applications as follows. Neil Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Deborah Blalock- The application is for 18.983 acres on Erwin Rd.
 - Florence, Deborah, and Michael Blalock- The application is for 52.234 acres on Erwin Rd.
 - Deborah and Michael Blalock- The application is for 13.119 acres on Woodstock Rd.
 - Carol Poole- The application is for 17.972 acres on Tilley Farm Rd.
 - Nancy, Constance, Faith, and Fred Herndon- The application is for 81.462 acres on Massey Chapel Rd and Herndon Rd.
 - Herndon Farm LLC- The application is for 55.773 acres on Massey Chapel Rd.
 - Barry and Donna Blalock- The application is for 76.149 acres on Bacon Rd.
 - Ann Orgren, Patsy Grable, Sally Boesch, and Julie Wrenn- The application is for 202.638 acres on Wilkins Rd.

- Corene Whitfield- The application is for 200.608 acres on Bahama Rd.
 - Wesley Poole- The application is for 146.784 acres on Bahama Rd.
 - Anne Ross- The application is for 27.652 acres on Glenn Rd.
 - Jeff Coffey- The application is for 104.79 acres on Ball Rd.
 - James Denny- The application is for 19.814 acres on N Roxboro Rd.
 - Jimmy Ray Coates- The application is for 44.972 acres on Ellis Chapel Rd.
 - VAD Signs- a Motion was made by Neil Frank to allow staff to spend up to \$1,500 on signs and post. Nicole Connelly seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
5. **Ag Economic Development update-** Mike Dupree gave an ag economic development update to the board.
- a. **Board appointments to Ag Economic Dev. Farmer Grant Committee** (2 seats from the Farmland Board). A motion was made by Neil Frank to appoint Talmage Layton and Will Wilson to serve as the Farmland Protection Advisory Board representatives on the committee. Nicole Connelly seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
6. **Vacant Positions-** Lisa Marochak reported that there are currently three vacant positions on the board. The Business Representative (BOCC appointed), Soil and Water Representative (Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board appointed) and Cape Fear VAD (BOCC appointed).
7. **Attendance-** Will Wilson discussed attendance. Lisa Marochak is going to send out a poll to see what days, times and months work best for board members to attend meetings.
8. **Ordinance Committee update-** Will Wilson reported that the committee met in June and is waiting for a few updates from the committee members.
9. **Farm Campus-** Will Wilson reported that the committee would like to do a presentation in September or October for the Farmland Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting—September 19, at 8am. The meeting will be held at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701.

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman, Will Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:07 am.

Chairman

Senior Administrative Officer

Date approved