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

Meeting Number: 2 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: September 19, 2013

Advisory Board Present:

Kathryn Spann- Chairman/ Soil & Water rep.
Will Wilson- 2nd Vice Chairman
John Monroe- At Large
Anthony Lopez- Falls/Lick Creek VAD
Demetrius Thompson, At Large
Bo Glenn- Open Space & Trails rep.
Douglas Daye- Flat River
Mark Waller- Durham County Farm Bureau Rep
Alicia Butler- Business Representative

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water, Director
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Wendy Seddon- Open Space & Real-Estate
Jane Korest- Open Space, Manager
Michelle Wallace- Cooperative Extension
Lynn Lopez- citizen

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 and called to order at 8:05 am by the Chair. The meeting was held at 721 Foster Street in the second floor conference room.

1. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the minutes from the last meeting. John Monroe seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **VAD update-** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
 - **VAD Application (new)**
A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the new VAD Application form as presented. Mark Waller seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
4. **Membership Update-**
Kathryn Spann will talk to the County Attorney, Kathy Everett-Perry about membership.
5. **Easement Updates-** Jane Korest reported on the following:
 - **Easements-** The two Federal Farm grants that we submitted for Douglas Daye and the Tilley Farm got approved. The grants are \$250,000 each and they will help pay for ½ of the appraised value.
 - **Appraisal Workshop-** Jane and Wendy attended an Appraisal Workshop last Monday.
6. **Ag Development Coordinator-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
Goal c.5
 - **Southern High School-** Agribusiness project is up and running
 - a) Students are having a plant sale with Master Gardeners
 - b) Installing 3 rain gardens this Fall
 - **NCSSM-** Working with Linda Schmalbeck and the Greener Challenge Club. We are going to design a cistern system to capture the runoff from the Hunt

dormitory and reuse the water on the soccer field. They are also interested in developing a case study unit on agriculture sustainability.

- **Northern New Ag teacher-** Tamika Surgeon, she is a first year teacher from NCA&T. I will be assisting her with the greenhouse and getting a production unit in place for a spring plant sale.

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- **Local Food Purchasing Program**
 - a) Detention Center Purchasing- Waiting for response from Aramark Foods representative.
 - b) Peter Skillern, Reinvestment Partners- has developed a business plan to repurpose the building on the corner of Geer and N. Mangum to a food processing, storage and distribution center. The priority is to support the local producers and offer a staging center for local producers as we open more markets.
- **Gap Certification Training Opportunity-** This would be a two day training at a cost of \$1,300 (\$1,150 if we print everything in house). We would need to provide computers the second day. The Board asked staff to contact Orange, Person and Granville to see if they are interested in doing a joint training with Durham.

7. Market Brochure

- A motion was made by Will Wilson for the board to pay for the expense of printing 400 of the Market brochures in house. The 50 brochures will be given to Prodigal Farm, Architectural Trees, Green Button Farm and Bull City Farm. The remaining 200 will be used at Centerfest. John Monroe seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **S.W.E.A.T. Fitness & Wellness Convention-** A motion was made by Alicia Butler to allow for printing of the Market brochure for the S.W.E.A.T conference as long as they are .25 or less per copy. Alicia Butler is going to check on the prices and get back with staff. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **YMCA-** Alicia Butler is going to check with the YMCA to see if they will display the Market Brochures.
- **1,000 Brochures-** Alicia Butler is going to check on prices. Tabled until next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Breakfast Series-** The board discussed several topics for the breakfast series. Eddie Culberson is going to find a location for the November breakfast. The topics for the November breakfast will be: tax update (Colleen Scarlett), Local Food Purchasing, Watershed update (Mike Dupree), Easement update (Jane Korest), Extension (Michelle Wallace). The dates of the 3 breakfast series are November 14th, January 9th and February 13th.
A motion was made by Will Wilson to allow staff to spend up to \$1,000 on food for the three breakfast series. Demetrius Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **2014 Meeting dates-** A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the following meeting dates for 2014: January 16, February 20th, April 17th, June 19, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18. No

meeting March, May or July. John Monroe seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **TAG-** Mark Waller told the board about TAG. It is a deer management group that helps to control the population of deer. All of the meat is donated to the Durham Rescue Mission. Anyone interested in learning more about TAG should contact Mark Waller.

Next Meeting Date – October 17, 2013 at 8am- 721 Foster St; Durham, NC 27701

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 10:13 am.

Kathryn Spann
Chairman

Will Wilson
Second Vice Chairman