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

Meeting Number: 10 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: December 9, 2010

Advisory Board Present:

Kathryn Spann- Soil & Water Representative/Chair
Neil Frank- At Large/Vice Chair
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Will Wilson- Eno VAD
Melissa English- At Large
Talmage Layton- Falls Lake VAD
Gus Gray- Cape Fear VAD
Demetrius Thompson- At Large
Samantha Gasson – At Large
Billy Cooley- Farm Bureau Representative

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Open Space Manager
Wendy Seddon- Open Space & Real-estate

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday December 9, 2010, and called to order at 8:10 am by the chair. The meeting was held at the Soil and Water office, the chairman and vice chairman being present.

- 1. Minutes** – A draft copy of November 2010 minutes was sent to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Billy Cooley to approve the minutes. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Financial Report-** Lisa Marochak reported that we are in need of some new VAD signs. She is going to order the signs needed this week.
- 3. Voluntary Agricultural Districts** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
 - **VAD Program-** We had 1 applicant since the last meeting. The VAD application is for June Foushee on Farrington Rd for 85.704 acres. A motion was made by Neil Frank to accept the VAD application for June Foushee as presented. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 4. Easement Projects Status Update-** (*Kathryn Spann excused herself from the room*) Jane Korest reported that the deadline to submit an application to the state is December 15th. The ranking subcommittee met on December 1st to decide if and who we want to submit. The Ranking subcommittee gave the board their recommendation for the four applicants they reviewed (Harris Farm, Prodigal Farm, Kings Mill Farm, Bill Poole).
 - 1) David Faulk (Kings Mill II Dairy Farm) – (*Gus Gray recused himself from voting*) A motion was made by Will Wilson to not recommend Kings Mill II Dairy Farm at this time. Billy Cooley seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 2) Harris Farm – Will Wilson made a motion to recommend the Harris Farm for Conservation easement. Billy Cooley seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 3) Prodigal Farm- A motion was made by Gus Gray to recommend Prodigal Farm for Conservation Easement. Samantha Gasson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- 4) Bill Poole – Not yet owned by Bill Poole so the board can not consider the application at this time.

(Kathryn Spann returned to the meeting after Easement discussion ended.)

- 5. Workshop-** Kathryn Spann passed out a draft of the workshop agenda. The board extensively discussed topics, speakers, themes and structure for the workshop that will be held February 12, 2011. Neil Frank has reserved the Bahama Ruritan for the event.

-Kathryn Spann and Lisa Marochak will revise the draft agenda based off of the comments from today's meeting.

- 6. Board Retreat for January 2011** – The board discussed ideas for the board retreat that will take place on January 22nd 8:30am-noon. The meeting will take place at one of the Farm Bureau offices. Neil Frank is going to look at the Farm Bureau office on Miami Blvd to see if it is large enough. Kathryn Spann reported that a meeting is planned with potential board retreat facilitator Ron Brown at 11:30am today. A motion was made by Neil Frank to allow up to \$500 for cost of facilitator if needed. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Lisa Marochak is going to send out an email to all board members requesting a short paragraph about themselves and asking them to answer a couple of questions. This will allow the facilitator to better understand the board.

Set Next Meeting Date – January 6, 2010 at 8am

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.

Kathryn Spann
Chairman

Neil Frank
Vice Chairman