

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 6 (Farmland Advisory Board)      Date: July 15, 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  
Gus Gray- Cape Fear VAD  
Samantha Gasson- At Large

#### **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  
Michelle Wallace- Horticultural Agent  
Colleen Scarlett- Tax Administration

*The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday July 15, 2010, and called to order at 8:00 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 May 2010 minutes was sent to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the minutes. Samantha Gasson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Financial Report-** Lisa Marochak reported that effective 7/1/10 the Farmland Board has an approved budget of \$4,500.  
Jane Korest reported that \$850,000 was approved for the Long term Capital Improvement Fund by the BOCC, to be split between Open Space and Farmland. The State approved 2 million in grant funds for the budget this year in which about 1 million will go toward funding of easements.
- 3. Membership Update**– No new business
- 4. Voluntary Agricultural Districts** - No new business.
- 5. Easement Projects Status Update-** Jane Korest reported that the 3 easements submitted for Federal grant funding were approved the end of May. The 3 easements are Carrington Farm 75 acres, Thacker Farm 86 acres & Blalock Farm 71 acres. In total the federal government awarded \$693,000 for the three easements. The cooperative agreement will go to the July 26<sup>th</sup> BOCC for approval. There will be about 2.5 million in federal funds available for FY 2011.
- 6. Farmland Protection Plan implementation update**– Mike Dupree gave the board an update on some potential projects he is working on. Eddie Culberson, Jennifer Brooks and Mike Dupree updated the board about the Falls Lake rules. Mike reported that August 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to make comments on the Falls Lake rules. A motion was made by Neil Frank for approval to write a resolution on topics discussed at the board meeting. Gus Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

7. **Legislative Event recap-** The board discussed some of the highlights of the Legislative Tour that took place on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Overall the tour was well received.
8. **Durham County farmer market (second)/ Farmer Market logo-** Tabled until next meeting.
9. **Farmland Board Ordinance** (updates)- A subcommittee consisting of Will Wilson, Eddie Culberson, Kathryn Spann, Jane Korest and Samantha Gasson will meet for lunch to discuss changes that need to be made to the current board ordinance. Kathryn Spann will send out an email with the date and time for the meeting.
10. **Second Farmers Market-** The board discussed the idea of having a second farmers market in Durham. A subcommittee will meet in August instead of the normal board meeting to discuss potential farmer markets (locations, cost, etc). Lisa Marochak will email potential dates and times.
11. **Cost of Community Services Study** – Tabled until next meeting.

### **New Business:**

1. **Rural County Commissioner Seat Proposal** – Tabled until next meeting.
2. **Workshop-** The board discussed the idea of having a workshop or series of workshops January 2011. The board will discuss this idea further at the next board meeting in September.

**Set Next Meeting Date** – September 16, 2010 at 8am

**Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am.

*Kathryn Spann*  
Chairman

*Neil Frank*  
Vice Chairman