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

Meeting Number: 5 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: May 20, 2010

Advisory Board Present:

Kathryn Spann- Soil & Water Representative/Chair
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
John Monroe- At Large
Will Wilson- Eno VAD
Melissa English- At Large
Talmage Layton- Falls/Lick Creek VAD
Gus Gray- Cape Fear VAD
Samantha Gasson- At Large
Billy Cooley- Farm Bureau Representative
Bo Glenn- Open Space & Trails Representative
Demetrius Thompson- At large

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Durham County citizen
Jane Korest- Open Space Manager
Wendy Seddon- Open Space & Real-estate
Michelle Wallace- Horticultural Agent

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday May 20, 2010, and called to order at 8:03 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 April 2010 minutes was passed out at the meeting. Jane Korest reported that a correction needs to be made to the minutes under the easement section. It should say that NRCS made a site visit in April not February. John Monroe would like the minutes to reflect under section 8 (Farmland Business Plan Workshop) that suggestions were made to improve and revise the curriculum. A motion was made by Billy Cooley to approve the minutes with the 2 corrections. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- 2. Financial Report-** Lisa Marochak passed out a copy of the financial report to the board. Lisa Marochak reported that she purchased the hats to giveaway at the Legislative Tour.

Jane Korest reported that she sent out an email to Lisa Marochak & Kathryn Spann about a wireless microphone system. Lisa Marochak reported that she never purchased the system because she never received approval to do so. Kathryn Spann moved to approve for Lisa Marochak to purchase a wireless speaker system.

A motion was made by Gus Gray to allow staff to spend up to \$200 between board meetings on supplies that are needed. Bo Glenn seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- 3. Membership Update**– Tabled until next meeting
- 4. Voluntary Agricultural Districts-** Tabled until next meeting.
- 5. Easement Projects Status Update-** Tabled until next meeting

6. **Agricultural Economic Development/Watershed Coordinator Position** – Eddie Culberson reported that he has hired someone to fill the vacant position. Mr. Mike Dupree will officially start working as the Agricultural Economic Development/Watershed Coordinator on June 1, 2010. Mr. Dupree in attendance at the meeting as a Durham County citizen spoke to the board a little bit about his background and the position he will be starting.
7. **Farm camp/after school program ideas-** Tabled until next meeting.
8. **County Commissioner/Legislative event planning-** Kathryn Spann reported that the new date for the Legislative Tour will be May 11th. Kathryn Spann reported that we need to finalize everything by the end of the week. The board discussed the tour in depth. Lisa Marochak reported that all materials for the packets need to be turned into her no later than June 2nd.
9. **Durham County farmer market (second)/ Farmer Market logo-** Tabled until next meeting.
10. **Cost of Community Services Study** – Tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

1. **Rural County Commissioner Seat Proposal** – Tabled until next meeting.
2. **Youth Cow Show-** Samantha Gasson reported that she is a 4H/ Homeschool teacher in Durham County. Each year Mrs. Gasson hold a 4H Cow Show with her 4H kids.
Orange County Cooperative Extension, Durham Farm Bureau, Durham County Extension and she will put on a Youth Cow show at the park behind Central Park School on June 12th. This is the first show of this kind in downtown Durham.

Set Next Meeting Date – June 17, 2010 at 8am

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

Kathryn Spann
Chairman

Neil Frank
Vice Chairman