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

Meeting Number: 9 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: November 16, 2011

Advisory Board Present:

Kathryn Spann- Soil & Water Representative/Chair
Neil Frank- At Large/Vice Chair
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Demetrius Thompson- At Large
Ron Bodkin- Business Representative
John Monroe- At Large
Will Wilson- Eno VAD
John Monroe- At Large
Roger Tilley- At Large
Gus Gray- Cape Fear VAD
Bo Glenn- Open Space and Trails Representative

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak-Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Manager, Open Space
Wendy Seddon- Open Space and Real- Estate

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday November 16, 2011, and called to order at 8:07am by the vice chair. The meeting was held at the BOCC Chambers, the chairman and vice chairman being present.

1. **Minutes** – A draft copy of September 15, 2011 minutes was sent to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Will Wilson to approve the minutes. Bo Glenn seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Financial Report-** Lisa Marochak passed out a copy of the financial report for the Farmland Advisory Board. A motion was made by Neil Frank to accept the financial report as presented. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Membership Update-** Lisa Marochak reported that County Commissioner Pam Karriker will be taking the place of Becky Heron on the Farmland Board. She was unable to attend this meeting but will attend the December meeting.
4. **VAD Update-** Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
 - No new applications but some VAD signs were hung since the last meeting.
 - Neil Frank mentioned that Ellen Ziemer's VAD sign needs to be replaced.
 - **Voluntary Agriculture Districts – House Bill 406; Session Law 2011-219-** Culberson reported that it is his understanding that the Farmland Board is allowed to have a stricter ordinance than the state mandates. The Farmland Board can continue processing VAD application as they have in the past.
5. **Easement Updates-** Jane Korest reported on the following:
 - Appraisals underway still for Neil Frank. Waiting on approval of 5th revision on Neil Frank's farm. Kathryn Spann is going to send an email to David Price and Brad Miller expressing the boards concern about how long it takes to get an appraisal completed in NC.
 - Hired a new appraiser to Frank's appraisal
 - No new easement candidates

6. **Farmers Market /Producer meeting-** Kathryn Spann reported on the following:
- a. **Market**
 - **Producers meeting** – Have had two producers meetings since the last Farmland Board meeting. 60+ people attended the second South Durham producers meeting.
 - **Site Selection Committee-** John Monroe gave an update to the board on the selection committee. They have met twice and reviewed 3 sites since the last Farmland Board meeting.
 - **Organization Committee-** Has been working on draft bylaws for the new market. Kathryn Spann reported that there is a need to have the Articles of Incorporation for the new market. A motion was made by Will Wilson to allow staff and board members to work toward the preparation and filing of the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws for the creation of a new Southern Durham Farmers Market and for the retention for legal counsel to review draft articles and bylaws up to \$1,000 from the Farmland Board’s budgeted line item. Subject to approval of County funds. John Monroe seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - b. **JCCPC-** Kathryn Spann is going to send a letter to JCCPC asking them to change zoning for markets.
7. **Breakfast Series-** Tabled to next year.
8. **Watershed Issues-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- Jordan Watershed Update –
 - Looking for farmers to volunteer to give info on cropping history, etc.
 - Falls Update-
 - Due by January 15, 2012
 - Sent out 170 notices to property owners
 - July 2012 the Fall WOC will have to report to the EMC
 - Monitoring Model Meeting
 - Welcome to attend (2nd Friday of the month 10am-noon)
 - Will Wilson will attend on behalf of the Farmland Board.
9. **Ag Economic Development Coordinator update-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- a. Working on Farmland Board’s top 3 goals

Set Next Meeting Date – December 15, 2011 at 8am in the Soil & Water conference room.

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 9:46am.

Kathryn Spann
Chairman

Neil Frank
Vice Chairman