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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: November 17, 2009

Advisory Board Present:

Kathryn Spann- Soil & Water Representative/Chair
Neil Frank- At Large
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Gus Gray- Cape Fear VAD
Becky Heron- County Commissioner
John Monroe- At Large
Will Wilson- At Large
Samantha Gasson- At large

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks- Soil & Water
Lynwood Faison- Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Open Space Manager
Wendy Seddon- Open Space & Real-estate
Michelle Wallace- Cooperative Extension
Delphine Sellars- Cooperative Extension

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Wednesday November 17, 2009, and called to order at 8:04 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 October 2009 minutes was sent to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Gus Gray to approve the minutes. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Financial Report-** No changes since last board meeting.
- 3. Membership Update–** Mr. John Jones turned in his resignation letter and his last day serving on the board will be January 1, 2010. Lisa Marochak reported that she emailed the Clerk to the Board the list of vacant position they currently have on the Farmland Preservation Board so they can advertise accordingly.
- 4. Farmland Plan update-** Jennifer Brooks reported that Gerry Cohn has turned in the final version of the Farmland Plan. Jennifer Brooks reported that they met with the Joint City-County Planning Commission on November 4th and presented the Farmland Plan to them. Kathryn Spann reported that she will be attending the Durham Farmer's market Board meeting tonight to discuss the plan and some ideas the Farmland Board has.
- 5. Easement Projects Status Update** – Jane Korest reported that the preliminary title has approved on the second round of the Roger Tilley easement. Jane Korest reported that on the Van Ellis and Coates easements the next step is to get the appraisals and surveys done. The Caywood Farm appraisal has been revised.
- 6. NC Farmland Preservation Trust Fund-** Jane Korest reported that the next grant funding cycle deadline is December 4th. A Farmland Board subcommittee meeting was held November 3rd.

7. **VAD-** Eddie Culberson reported that since the last meeting we have had 1 new application. The application is for John Monroe for 3 parcels totaling 38.842 acres. Board member John Monroe excused himself from the voting process. A motion was made by Neil Frank to approve the VAD application as long as everything checks out with the tax office. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

New Business:

8. **Set Next Meeting Date** – January 21, 2010 at 8am
9. **Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 10: am.

Kathryn Spann
Chairman

Neil Frank
Vice Chairman