

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 8 (Farmland Advisory Board)      Date: October 21, 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  
John Monroe- At Large  
Demetrius Thompson- At Large  
Bo Glenn- Open Space & Trails Representative  
Talmage Layton- Falls/Lick Creek VAD  
Billy Cooley – Farm Bureau Representative

#### **Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water  
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water  
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water  
Jane Korest- Open Space Manager  
Wendy Seddon- Open Space & Real-estate  
Colleen Scarlett- Tax  
Greg May- Tax

*The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday October 21, 2010, and called to order at 8:05 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 September 2010 minutes was sent to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Talmage Layton to approve the minutes. Will Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Financial Report**- No new business
3. **Voluntary Agricultural Districts** –
  - **VAD Program**- Eddie Culberson reported that we have had 1 VAD applicant since the last meeting. The application is for Paul Adcock on Adcock Rd for 39.773 acres. A motion was made by Billy Cooley to accept the VAD application as presented. Neal Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - **Enhanced VAD Program**- Eddie Culberson & Jane Korest discussed the EVAD Program with the Board. Kara Cassels, District Conservationist from Haywood SWCD discussed with the Farmland Board the EVAD Program in her county. This was done via a phone conference.
  - **Farmland Ordinance Revision subcommittee** – the next Farmland ordinance subcommittee meeting will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
4. **Easement Projects Status Update**- Jane Korest reported that the deadline to submit an application to the state is December 15<sup>th</sup>. The state only has 1 million set aside for easement funding this year.
5. **Agricultural Economic Development Officer update**–
  - **Potential Project**- Mike Dupree gave the board an update on some potential projects he is working on.
    - **Bright Leaf**- Met with about 50 member of the Bright Leaf HOA to discuss a farmers market in their neighborhood. A letter of support for the farmers

market was presented to the Farmland Board from the Bright Leaf HOA. Dupree reported he is working on the RAFI grant for a farmer's market proposal at Brightleaf Club. The grant is due by November 19<sup>th</sup>. Early bird review is October 28<sup>th</sup>.

- A subcommittee will meet on October 2<sup>8th</sup> at 8am to discuss a possible second farmers market.

- **Falls Lake**- Mike Dupree updated the board about the Falls Lake rules.
- **Triangle Land Conservancy**- the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conservation summit will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in RTP.
- **Processing Center** – The grand opening of the processing center will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup> in Hillsborough.

## **New Business:**

1. **Rural County Commissioner Seat Proposal** – Tabled until next meeting.
2. **Workshop**- The board discussed some ideas about the workshop that will be held in February 2011. Further discussion about the workshop will take place at the next board meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>.  
-Kathryn Spann passed out a list of possible ideas for the workshop. These ideas came from a workshop being held in Wake County on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Board Retreat for January 2011** – Kathryn Spann discussed with the board the idea of having a board retreat in January. A date for the retreat will be set at the next board meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Set Next Meeting Date** – November 11, 2010 at 8am

**Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am.

*Kathryn Spann*  
Chairman

*Neil Frank*  
Vice Chairman