

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 7 (Farmland Advisory Board)      Date: September 16, 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

#### **Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson- 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

*The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday September 16, 2010, and called to order at 8:10 am by the chair. The meeting was held at the Soil and Water office, the chairman and vice chairman being present.*

1. **Minutes** –No action taken
2. **Financial Report**- No new business
3. **Membership Update**– No new business
4. **Voluntary Agricultural Districts** - No new business.
5. **Easement Projects Status Update**- Jane Korest reported that the subcommittee will meet soon to look at potential participants.
6. **Agricultural Economic Development Officer update**–
  - **Potential Projects**- Mike Dupree gave the board an update on some potential projects he is working on.
    - **Jordan High School**- Writing a RAFI grant for a farmer’s market proposal at the High School  
Kathryn Spann would like a copy of the RAFI grant sent to the Farmland Board members
    - **June Foushee Farm** – The Foushee Farm is an 86 acre farm located in the southwest part of the County. The owner, June Foushee has requested assistance in preparing a grant from RAFI to retro fit tobacco barns and fencing so that Jordan High School FFA can raise lambs on her property.
  - **Falls Lake**- Mike Dupree updated the board about the Falls Lake rules.
  - **Farm Survey/Letter**- gave an update on the Farm Survey/letters that were mailed out back in July.
7. **Farmer Market logo**- Tabled until next meeting.
8. **Cost of Community Services Study** – Tabled until next meeting

9. **Billboard resolution update-** Will Wilson reported that the proposed billboard ordinance revision was pulled from the BOCC agenda.
10. **Farmland Board Ordinance** (updates) - A subcommittee consisting of Will Wilson, Eddie Culberson, Kathryn Spann, Jane Korest, Melissa English and Samantha Gasson will meet possibly on October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **New Business:**

1. **Rural County Commissioner Seat Proposal** – Tabled until next meeting.
2. **Piedmont Food & Agricultural Processing Center Steering Committee-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
  - Need a farmer to apply to be on the Steering Committee for the Piedmont Agricultural processing Center- Quarterly meetings starting in October. Kathryn Spann agreed to sit on the committee on an interim basis until a permanent appointment can be made.
3. **Workshop-** The board discussed the idea of having a workshop or series of workshops January 2011.
4. **Live Stock Agent** – Neil Frank reported that Jennifer King is the new Live Stock Agent for Orange & Alamance Counties.
5. **GAP-** Michelle Wallace talked to the board about GAP (Good Agricultural Practices)

**Set Next Meeting Date** – October 21st, 2010 at 8am

**Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

*Kathryn Spann*  
Chairman

*Neil Frank*  
Vice Chairman