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

Meeting Number: 2 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: February 18, 2016

Advisory Board Present:

Will Wilson- Vice Chair
Kathryn Spann- 2nd Vice Chair
Wendy Jacobs- County Commissioner
John Monroe- At Large
Demetrius Thompson- At Large
Mark Waller- Farm Bureau Representative
Samantha Gasson- At Large
Talmage Layton- At Large

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson- Soil & Water
Lisa Marochak- Soil & Water
Mike Dupree- Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Open Space
Wendy Seddon- Open Space
Cheralyn Schmidt- Horticulture Agent/Coop. Ext.
Deborah McGiffin- Cooperative Extension
Eliza Bordley- citizen
Ian Thomson- citizen

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 and called to order at 9:42am by the Vice-Chairman. The meeting was held at Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center, 50 Valley Forge Rd. Hillsborough, NC 27278.

1. **Minutes** – A motion was made by John Monroe to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented. Mark Waller seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Proposed changes to the County Solid Waste Ordinance-** Farmland Board asked Lisa Marochak to get a copy of the final changes to the County Solid Waste Ordinance and citizen comments from Brian Haynesworth. General Services is still getting comments back from citizens so they will not be taking the proposed changes to the BOCC until March or April.
3. **Budget-** Lisa Marochak reported that since the last meeting the Farmland Board has spent \$161.75 on food for the Farmer Appreciation Breakfast and GAP workshop.
4. **Ag Development Coordinator-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
 - **Annual Report-** Lisa Marochak will email out the final copy of the Farmland Advisory Boards Annual Report. The Farmland Advisory Boards Annual Report will be presented at the BOCC work session on March 7th.
 - Lowes Grove Middle, Jordan High and Southern High are in need of supplies to start their green houses. A motion was made by Wendy Jacobs to purchase \$100 in green house supplies for Lowes Grove Middle, Jordan High and Southern High. Demetrius Thompson made a friendly amendment to give \$200 in supplies Lowes Grove Middle, Jordan High and Southern High. Mark Waller seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Northern High School was tabled until next meeting.

5. VAD application

- **Dollie P. Holder and Steve Holder** has property in the Falls/Lick Creek VAD and has 135.025 Acres that they would like to enroll in the VAD Program. A motion was made by Kathryn Spann to approve the VAD application as presented. Talmage Layton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Willie Rufus Holder** has property in the Falls/Lick Creek VAD and has 13.263 Acres that he would like to enroll in the VAD Program. A motion was made by Demetrius Thompson to approve the VAD application as presented. Mark Waller seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

6. Farmers Market Subcommittee report-

A. John Monroe gave an update on the Northgate location for the market.

- **Opening day-** Saturday in April 16.
- The Chair is Will Wilson and Treasurer is John Monroe
- **Farmland Board Representative-** A motion was made by Talmage Layton to approve Will Wilson as the Farmland Board representative. Samantha Gasson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Market vendors-** Will Wilson met last night with 4 people that are interested in the market. Still looking for more vendors.
- **Funding-** The funding issue has been worked out and a check should be issued to Durham Roots Farmers Market soon.
- **DDFN meeting-** meeting tonight at 7pm in the Durham Soil and Water Conference Room.

New Business:

- **South Durham Farmers Market** – A motion was made by Talmage Layton to appoint Kathryn Spann as the Farmland Board representative on the South Durham Farmers Market. Mark Waller seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Next Meeting– TBD

Lisa Marochak will send out the next meeting date to the board.

Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, vice-Chairman, Will Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.

Will Wilson
Vice-Chair

Kathryn Spann
2nd Vice Chair

March 30, 2016
Date approved