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

Meeting Number: 04 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: May 20, 2005

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank, Chairman – At Large
Talmage Layton, Vice Chairman
Douglas Daye – Flat River VAD
Wayne Cash, Open Space & Trail Commission
Gus Gray – Cape Fear VAD
Anna Andrews, Eno VAD
John M. Jones, Little River VAD
Aileen Glasgow, Business Representative
Ramon Tancinco, At Large

Others Present:

Millie H. Tilley, Soil & Water
Lynwood Faison, Soil & Water
Mike Giles, Open Space
Colleen Scarlett, Tax Office
Porcha Brooks, Tax Administration
Richard Morgart, Tax Administration

1. **Welcome** – Chairman Neil Frank called the Farmland Protection Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:05 AM.
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – Ramon Tancinco read over the Minutes and the financial report from the March 24th meeting. A motion was made Vice Chairman Talmage Layton to approve the minutes and receive the financial report. Business Representative Aileen Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Budget** – Frank discussed the amount of money left in the Farmland’s budget line and what we expect to spend with the remaining balance. After some discussion, Glasgow made a motion to buy five more Farmland VAD signs. Tancinco seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
4. **Feedback on Annual Report to County Commissioners** – Frank reported that he, Mike Giles, Jane Korest, and Eddie Culberson attended the April 4th workshop. Frank stated they were very receptive and that both Becky Heron and Ellen Reckhow made positive comments about our work during the year and our request for additional money for easements. Frank reported the Commissioners were not sure they would separate our budget from the Open Space for easements but they did state they would increase the budget for easements.
5. **Actions on Durham County Farm Equipment Tax** – Layton reported the County only received \$8,000 on the Farm Equipment Tax.
5. **Update on VADS** – Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison presented two applications for VAD approval; David Falk with Kingsmill Farm with 142.2 acres and Anthony Lopaz, Jr. with two parcels: one for 6.2 acres and one for 14.2 acres. Glasgow made the motion to approve. Tancinco seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Faison reported that the District recognized Southern High School and their Awards Banquet for constructing the signs for distribution to farms that are in a VAD. Faison stated that one particular

young man, Jason King, deserved a particular applaud because he volunteered to go out and dig the holes and install the signs on his own time at his own expense.

6. **Update on Easement Activity** – Mike Giles, Open Space, reported that both Tilley farms were approved by Federal dollars in the amount of \$363,000 and that the County will match 25 percent. Giles stated they will soon start a Cooperative Agreement with the Federal Government.
7. **New Business** – Frank stated he discussed with a few of the Legislators, the Present Use Tax while attending the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Banquet.
8. **Set Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting was set for July 15, 2005 at 8:00 AM.
9. **Adjourn** – Layton made the motion at 9:10 AM to adjourn the meeting. Gus Gray seconded. Motion passed without dissent.

Neil Frank

Chairman

Talmage Layton

Vice Chairman