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

Meeting Number: 07 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: May 22, 2008

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank, at Large
Douglas Daye, Flat River VAD
Bo Glenn, Open Space Representative
Kathryn Spann, Soil & Water Representative
Allen Powell, at Large
Anna Andrews, ENO VAD
Billy Cooley Farm Bureau Representative
Becky Heron- County Commissioner

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

1. **Welcome** –Chairman Neil Frank called the Farmland Protection Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:10AM.
2. **Minutes** – Minutes were read by Chairman Neil Frank. Farm Bureau Representative Billy Cooley made a motion to approve the minutes. Flat River VAD Douglas Daye seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **VAD Update** – Director of Durham SWCD Eddie Culberson presented 3 new VAD applications. The first application was for the Carrington Farm for 76.1 acres located at Isham Chambers Rd. The second application is for Bill O’Quinn for 119.87 acres located at 3522 Gooch Rd. The third application is for a transfer from John Fleming Lyon to Russell Riggs Staton. Soil and Water Representative Kathryn Spann made a motion to accept the 3 VAD applications. Open Space Representative Bo Glenn seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
4. **Annual Report-** Administrative officer Lisa Marochak reported that she has a draft copy of the annual report ready. The board looked over the draft copy and made no changes. A motion was made by Farm Bureau Representative Billy Cooley to approve the Annual Report. Open Space Representative Bo Glenn seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Marochak reported that she will have a copy of the final report for every board member at the next meeting. Marochak reported that the board should be able to present the report at the commissioners work session after it is complete.
5. **Ranking System** – Open Space Manager Jane Korest presented the Ranking System to the board for their approval. Open Space Representative Bo Glenn made a motion to approve the Ranking System. Eno VAD Anna Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
6. **Easement Update** – Open Space Manager Jane Korest gave a report on the Little Mountain Farm Easement. Korest reported that she is waiting to hear from the State on the Tilley Easement.
7. **Other Business**
 - A. **Easement Sign** – Administrative Officer Lisa Marochak reported that she has been working on creating an easement sign for us to put up in the County. The board gave there feedback on the sign and Marochak is going to revise the sign and bring a new one back to the next board meeting.

B. Letter of Intent – Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison suggested the board create a letter of intent to be signed by anyone who wants to enter into an easement contingent upon the price being acceptable. Open Space Manager Jane Korest reported that Wendy Seddon and she have already started to create a form like the one that Lynwood mentioned.

C. Easement- Director of Durham SWCD Eddie Culberson reported that he has had two landowners since the last meeting tell him that they are serious about entering into an easement and they wanted him to bring their names to the board. The two landowners are Russell Ellis and Cliff Teasley.

8. Set Next Meeting Date – The board set the next meeting date for Thursday, June 19th at 8:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Neil Frank adjourned the meeting at 9:36 AM.

Neil Frank

Chairman

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Vice Chairman

