

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 04 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: April 9, 2009

Advisory Board Present:

Kathryn Spann- Soil & Water Representative/Chair
Neil Frank- At Large
Talmage Layton- Falls/Lick Creek VAD
Douglas Daye- Flat River VAD
Billy Cooley, Farm Bureau Representative

Others Present:

Lisa Marochak, Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks, Soil & Water
Lynwood Faison, Soil & Water
Jane Korest, Open Space Manager
Wendy Seddon, Open Space & Real-estate

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmland Protection Advisory Board was held on Thursday April 9, 2009, and called to order at 8:05 am by the chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil and Water office, the chairman and vice chairman being present.

1. **Minutes** –tabled until next meeting
2. **Financial Report-** A Farmland Protection Advisory Board financial report was given by Lisa Marochak.
Jane Korest gave an update on the Capital Improvement Plan.
3. **Farmland Tour Update**–Kathryn Spann gave an update on the preparations for the Farmland Tour scheduled for April 16th. Kathryn Spann passed out a copy of the draft itinerary.
4. **VAD Update-** Lisa Marochak reported that there has been 1 application since the last board meeting. The VAD application is for Jimmy Coates for 45.142 acres. A motion was made by Billy Cooley to approve the VAD Application for Jimmy Coates. Talmage Layton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
5. **Farmland Plan Update** – Jennifer Brooks reported that in April there will be 2 open forum meeting for the public to comment on the Farmland Plan. The first meeting will be held on April 28th 7pm-8:30pm at the Little River Community Center. The second meeting will take place on April 30th at the East Regional Library from 9:30am-11:00am.
6. **ATV issue:** Tabled until next meeting
7. **Set Next Meeting Date** – The board set the next meeting date for Thursday, May 21st at 8:00am
8. **Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Kathryn Spann adjourned the meeting at 10:09am.

Kathryn Spann
Chairman

Neil Frank
Vice Chairman