

Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting
McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center
2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332
Minutes
November 7, 2018

Members present: Donald Nicholson, Jane Barringer, A.K. Griffin, Molly Whitaker, Wayne Watson, Paul Garner, Ed Angel

Unexcused Absence: Cecil Cameron

Excused Absence: Tom Haslip

County staff present: Bill Stone, Minda Daughtry and Rhonda Gaster

Opening Remarks: Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm and declared we have a quorum. Donald stated that Lee County has been declared a disaster from Hurricane Florence. Let farmers know of the declaration. Extension is coordinating with FSA and Natural Resources Conservation in completing the necessary paperwork.

Public Comments - None

Approval of Minutes – A.K. Griffing made a motion to approve the August minutes. Ed Angel seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Griffin, Whitaker, Watson, Garner, Angel

Nay: None

Absent: Cameron, Haislip

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda – Wayne Watson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Ed Angel seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Griffin, Whitaker, Watson, Garner, Angel

Nay: None

Absent: Cameron, Haislip

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: The VAD balance as of November 7 is \$2,262.00

Receipts = \$130.00

Expenditures = \$104.00

The financial report was approved as submitted.

Fee to enroll in VAD – The cost of the signs have increased from \$28.69 to \$54.14. The fee to enroll in VAD is currently \$65. With the increased cost of the sign, the cost to register at Register of Deeds and

signage will be \$80.14. Wayne Watson made a motion to increase the cost of enrolling into VAD to \$85. A.K. Griffin seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Griffin, Whitaker, Watson, Garner, Angel
Nay: None
Absent: Cameron, Haislip

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of one (1) VAD Application:

Jason R. Stone & Elizabeth O. Stone – 47.99 acres in the Deep River Township. Ed Angel made a motion to accept their application. A.K. Griffin seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Griffin, Whitaker, Watson, Garner, Angel
Nay: None
Absent: Cameron, Haislip

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

County Extension Director Comments – Zack Taylor, our livestock/field crops agent, resigned a couple weeks ago. He has taken a job on campus at NCSU as a research technician. His position with extension was posted about a week before he left. Applications are coming in. Will keep the group informed. Would like for this board to participate in the process.

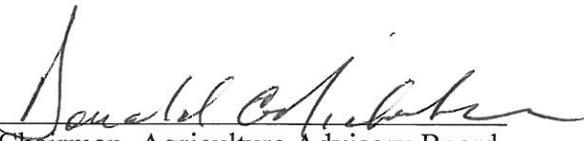
Farm-City Week is Monday, November 19, 2018 beginning at 5:30 pm. The speaker this year is Annie Baggett with NCDA Marketing Department. She will talk about the state of agribusiness and agritourism in North Carolina. She will also talk about the Visit NC Farms Mobile App. that Lee County will participate in. The Ladies Luncheon is Wednesday, December 5 with Scott Mason, Tarheel Traveler as the speaker. Rhonda has tickets available for both events.

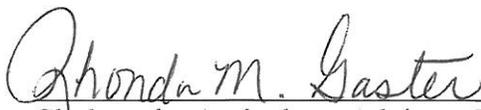
Next meeting date: February 20, 2019

With no further business to come before the board, A.K. Griffin made a motion to adjourn. Ed Angel seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Griffin, Whitaker, Watson, Garner, Angel
Nay: None
Absent: Cameron, Haislip

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.


Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board


Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board