

LEE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

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Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center 2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332 Minutes February 20, 2019

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

Excused Absence: Tom Haislip, Cecil Cameron

County staff present: Bill Stone, Ryan Faulk and Rhonda Gaster

Opening Remarks: Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm and declared we have a quorum.

Public Comments - None

Approval of Minutes – Paul Garner made a motion to approve the November minutes. 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.

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 February 20 is \$1,694.60

Receipts = \$.00

Expenditures = \$567.40

The financial report was approved as submitted.

Review and Approval of VAD Application(s): None

Transfer of ownership of parcels in VAD – Change the name and inform the new owner. May need to be changed at the Register of Deeds. Rhonda will check with Register of Deeds. If so, the new owner will be responsible to change the information at Register of Deeds, which will cost \$26. The Agriculture Advisory Board will need a letter from the new owner stating the change in ownership and list the new

owner of the property. Donald stated that the board should read through the rules and if this is not addressed, we should address at our next meeting.

County Extension Director Comments – Had a face-to-face interview on February 13. The group felt that this person was not a good fit for Lee County, therefore, the position has been posted again and we are accepting applications. Have reached out to a number of NCSU faculty to pass the word about the position to graduate students.

Announcements: Ryan Faulk mentioned that he attended a meeting with lawyers and Farm Bureau where they were addressing the lawsuits with the hog industry as it relates to VAD. They realized that the VAD did not have the stopping power they thought it did. Going back to the table to revisit the program to see what more they can do to slow down the lawsuit process to make it work.

Next meeting date: August 21, 2019

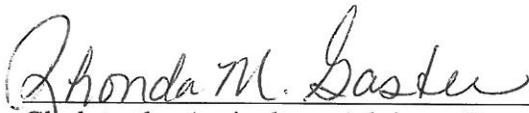
With no further business to come before the board, A.K. Griffin made a motion to adjourn. Ed Angel seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

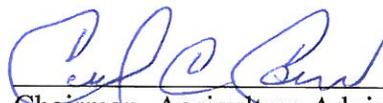
Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Griffin, Whitaker, Watson, Garner, Angel

Nay: None

Absent: Cameron, Haislip

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.


Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board


Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board
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