

Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting
McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center
2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332
Minutes
August 19, 2015

Members present: Donald Nicholson, Cecil Cameron, Jane Barringer, Jerry Lemmond, A.K. Griffin, Ed Angel, Molly Whitaker, Wayne Watson, Stephen Baber

Excused Absence: Harold Godfrey

County staff present: Susan Conclin, Rhonda Gaster, Ryan Faulk

Opening Remarks: Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm and declared we have a quorum

Public Comments - None

Donald commented that he attended a Food Safety Forum in Raleigh about the Avian Influenza Outbreak and how it could potentially affect Lee and surrounding counties. He told the board to let folks know if they have chickens, they need to register them with NCDA. This precaution is being taken so if a breakout happens in Lee or surrounding counties, they can be notified.

Wayne Watson arrived at 4:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes - Wayne Watson made a motion to approve May 20, 2015 minutes. Jerry Lemmond seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Cameron, Barringer, Lemmond, Griffin, Angel, Whitaker, Watson

Nay: None

Absent: Godfrey, Baber

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda - There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The agenda will stand approved as written.

Financial Report: The VAD balance as of August 19, 2015 is \$2,057.50

Receipts = \$00

Expenditures = \$00

Board Vacancies - 4 vacancy

East Sanford (2)

Pocket (1)

Jonesboro (1)

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<http://www.leecountnc.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ubfplUejQ9U%3d&tabid=61> or you can obtain from Gaynell Lee, Clerk to the Board by calling 919-718-4605 ext. 5507.

Election of Committee Chair - Blank ballots were distributed. There were no nominations from the floor. The committee voted Donald Nicholson-Chair and Cecil Cameron-Vice-Chair.

Review and Approval of Application(s) – 0 application

Stephen Baber arrived at 4:23 pm.

Township Sign Update –Ryan Faulk has contacted General Services about sign placement. Four locations have been designated. General Service is busy with grass mowing for ball fields. Once the season ends, signs will go up. Another sign location has been designated from Cameron into Lee County. Paperwork must be submitted before General Service will be notified of sign placement.

County Extension Director Comments – Susan introduced the new Agriculture Agent, Zachary Taylor (Zack). Zack started July 15, 2015. The Lee County Board of Commissioners approved 80/20 cost share funding for the horticulture position. We look forward to filling this position.

Mark your calendar for the Lee Regional Fair, September 15-20, 2015.

Farm-City Banquet is Monday before Thanksgiving, November 23, 2015.

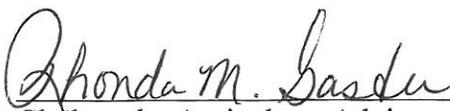
A.K. Griffin said NCSU has a new plant pathologist, specializing in Christmas trees. The specialist will be based in the West. Susan mentioned the NC Christmas Tree Growers Association is meeting in our auditorium tonight.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

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

Aye: Nicholson, Cameron, Barringer, Lemmond, Griffin, Angel, Whitaker, Watson, Baber
Nay: None
Absent: Godfrey

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.


Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board


Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board