

**Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
January 15, 2014**

Members present: Jane Barringer, Donald Nicholson, Wayne Watson, Molly Whitaker, A.K. Griffin, Harvey Godfrey, Worth Pickard, Ray Covington, Bill Minard, Jerry Lemmond, Steven Baber

Absent: Ed Angel

County staff present: Susan Condlin, Ryan Faulk, Kim Tungate and Rhonda Gaster

Opening Remarks: Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order. No public comments.

Business:

Approval of Minutes – Ray Covington made a motion to approve the August minutes. Jerry Lemmond seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Barringer, Nicholson, Watson, Whitaker, Griffin, Godfrey, Pickard, Minard, Lemmond,
Covington, Baber
Nay: None
Absent: Angel

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Fund Balance – The VAD balance as of January 15, 2014 is \$1,930.50
Receipts = \$65.00
Expenditures = \$.00

Board Vacancies – 2 vacancies
East Sanford (1) – Vacant position
Cape Fear (1) – Vacant position

Board applications are available online at:

<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.

Review and Approval of Applications – 1 application

William and Barbara Cameron – 60.82 acres– Jerry Lemmond made a motion to accept their application. A. K. Griffin seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Barringer, Nicholson, Watson, Whitaker, Griffin, Godfrey, Pickard, Minard, Lemmond,
Covington, Baber
Nay: None
Absent: Angel

Total to Date – 7,698.65 acres and 45 landowners

Township Sign Update – Ryan contacted Larry Bridges at General Services. They are ready to put them in place once a location is identified. Several VAD signs have been stolen in the Pocket Community.

VAD District Workshop – Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm will be held at the McSwain Center. Susan will forward the agenda when they release it. Members are encouraged to attend. Susan was asked to contact NCDA for a listing of other counties in VAD. She will provide this information at the next meeting.

County Extension Director Comments – Report to the Commissioners –The chairman will report how many have entered the VAD since last report to the Commissioners and the total acreage enrolled. The committee agreed on February 3, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Agriculture is now included in the Economic Plan. Grace Lawrence, Tim Sloan, Tina Gross and Susan Condlin serve on the steering committee for the Economic Development and Chamber coming together.

The Agriculture Advisory Board covers agriculture issues in the county. Susan asked for suggestions for speakers to present important issues facing agriculture for future meetings. Possible speakers: Steve London - Triangle Land Conservancy (Steve is at Static Control), someone from Duke Power (Ray Covington to contact), Lisa Faulkner – Present Use (Susan Condlin to contact). The committee agreed to ask Lisa Faulkner from the Tax Office to speak about Present Use updates for the next meeting.

Susan shared the updated VAD Map in Lee County and the updated Agriculture Advisory Board member list.

Announcements: The Research Station in Clinton will hold a Christmas Tree Growers meeting the second Saturday in February. There will be a Muscadine Growers meeting in Kannapolis on February 20-21, 2014.

Next Meeting Date: March 19, 2014 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center.

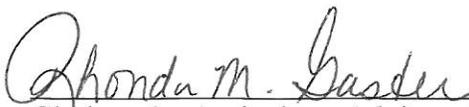
With no further business to come before the board, Bill Minard made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Lemmond seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Barringer, Nicholson, Watson, Whitaker, Griffin, Godfrey, Pickard, Minard, Lemmond,
Covington, Baber

Nay: None

Absent: Angel

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.


Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board


Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board