

# LEE COUNTY

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**Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting**  
**McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center**  
**2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332**  
**Minutes**  
**January 18, 2017**

**Members present:** Donald Nicholson, Jerry Lemmond, Jane Barringer, Wayne Watson, A.K. Griffin, Molly Whitaker, Tom Haislip, Cecil Cameron

**Unexcused Absence:** Ed Angel, George Gilliam

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

**Opening Remarks:** Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm and declared we have a quorum. Looks promising for the Sanford Farmers' Market moving to the McSwain Center. Bill will discuss in detail.

**Public Comments - None**

**Approval of Minutes –** A. K. Griffin made a motion to approve the October minutes. Jerry Lemmond seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Angel, Gilliam

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda –** Jerry Lemmond made a motion to approve the Agenda. Cecil Cameron seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Angel, Gilliam

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The VAD balance as of January 18 is \$2,096.50

Receipts = \$00

Expenditures = \$00

**Review and Approval of Application(s) – none**

Enrollment as of January 18: 7,859.05 and 49 landowners

**Suggested changes to the Operating Procedures and Bylaws** – Bill Stone – At our last meeting, October 26, 2016, we discussed changing our Operating Procedures and Bylaws regular meeting schedule to twice a year on the third Wednesday of the month or as needed. Bill stated this is an Agricultural Advisory Board and anything related to agriculture should be discussed, not just approving Voluntary Agriculture District applications. Discussion was held. Cecil Cameron moved that we accept the change to the Operating Procedures and Bylaws, Regular Meetings, to meet twice a year on the third Wednesday of the month or as needed. A. K. Griffin seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**County Extension Director Comments** – Bill – Spoke with the current Sanford Farmers' Market Manager, Carol Hargrove, and she is encouraged at the positive early feed-back she has received about the market moving to the McSwain Center. The Sanford Farmers' Market board meets the latter part of February and they will officially vote on the move at that time. Extension will support the Sanford Farmers' Market. Carol Hargrove asked that we spread the word to farmers, producers about the Sanford Farmers' Market. The market is looking for eggs, meat, honey, fruit, vegetables and any kind of berries. The annual cost to join the market is \$25 and \$5 per visit. The County Manager stated that if the market moves to the McSwain Center it would have to be held on a Saturday, not to interfere with daily operations.

Bill asked Zack Taylor, Agriculture Agent – Field Crops and Livestock, to tell the group about some items taking place in the area of agriculture.

Zack mentioned the following taking place:

- FIT Testing for farmers that spray fumigants is taking place today.
- Friday, January 20, will have our annual Tobacco GAP meeting.
- Mandatory meeting on Dicamba will be held here on March 8, at 2:00 pm. If you use this chemical on soybeans or cotton you must attend. Please pass the word.
- Area Farmers' are meeting here regularly. The meetings begin at 6:30 pm. If interested in attending, see me for a schedule of dates.
- Got a copy of the 2016 Corn Yield Contest results for North Carolina. A Lee County farmer, Joel Ammons, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in our region.

**Signage** – Ryan – Talked to General Services and they are working to correct the signage situation that was mentioned at the last meeting.

**Announcements** – The North Carolina Muscadine Growers Association is having a winter meeting at Lou Mills Winery in Dublin on January 28. Anyone is welcome to attend. The Eastern North Carolina Christmas Tree Growers Association is having a meeting on Saturday, February 11 at the McSwain Center. It will start around 8:30 am and last till approximately 4:30 pm.

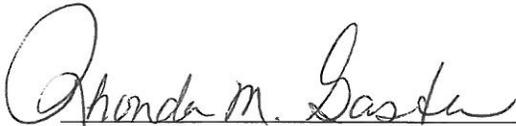
Jerry Lemmond requested that he be moved to represent East Sanford.

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.

  
Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board

  
Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board