

Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
June 15, 2011

Members present: Donald Nicholson, Tony Ragan, Worth Pickard, Barbara Alphin, Wayne Watson, Ed Angel, Jerry Lemmond, AK Griffin, Jane Barringer, Bill Manard

Absent: Tom Boerger, Wayne Yarborough, Mollie Whitaker

County staff present: Tommy Brooks, Susan Condlin and Ann Billings

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

Business:

Approval of Minutes – A quorum was established. Jerry Lemmond made a motion to accept the minutes as received. Tony Ragan seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion unanimously passed.

Review of Approval of Applications – Three applications were presented to the board for approval:

Bob Dalrymple – 144.04 acres

William E. Dalrymple – 132.423 acres

Ammons Farmland LLC – 1,066.17

The board discussed Bob Dalrymple's additional applications (1,307.34 acres) which he owns along with family members. Susan talked with Mr. Hoyle regarding signatures for these applications. While it is common knowledge that Mr. Dalrymple manages the properties, Mr. Hoyle said it would be nice to have each landowner sign a statement to allow Mr. Dalrymple to place the land in a VAD, but it would be okay if they didn't. The board felt that if they approved the applications without the signatures they would set precedence for other multi-person landowners without proper signatures. Mr. Dalrymple is willing to pay \$14 each for the other properties but it was not worth the trouble to try and obtain the signatures from the other family members due to age and living in other states. After much discussion Worth Pickard made a motion to approve only Mr. Dalrymple's application for 144.04 acres, A.K. Griffin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Tony Ragan made a motion to approve William E. Dalrymple's application, Barbara Alphin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Watson made a motion to approve Ammons Farmland LLC's application, Jane Barringer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

With these lands placed in a VAD we have a total 4,690.70 acres (27 landowners) enrolled.

Pending Applications still on hand include:

William Dalrymple II – 118.82

Craig Buchanan – 19.55 acres

Clyde A. and Hetty Lee D. Nicholson – 237.56 acres
John Harrington Gross, William Glen Gross, Kathy McNeill, and
Susan Thomas - 40.01 acres.

Susan asked board members to encourage the above listed to complete contracts so that the land can be put into the VAD Program.

Fund Balance – The VAD balance as of June 15, 2011 is \$1,906.24
Receipts = \$172.00
Expenditures = \$56.00

Election 2011-2012 Officers – The board discussed if they had to meet in July, after referring to the by-laws they came to the conclusion that they did not have to meet in July. By-laws state the officers have to be elected during the first meeting of the new FY. The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Elections will take place at that time.

Township Sign Update – Tommy reported that the signs are still not up. He is keeping in contact with the county General Services who are responsible for putting up signs but due to a lack of manpower it has not been completed.

A.K. Griffin has spoken with a landowner who has agreed to sign a permission form to place a VAD sign on their property. The sign would be in the Cape Fear Township on old 421 at the Lee/Harnett County line. The board agreed that this would be a good location; A.K. will pursue obtaining permission from the landowner.

Membership Update – Barbara Alphin's term will expire June 30, 2011. She will be stepping down, leaving a vacancy for the Pocket Township. East Sanford also has one vacancy.

Announcements – Susan will not be able to meet with County Commissioners in July. Due to the summer months and farmers and Commissioners being busy, Susan suggested the board present signs to the VAD participants at the September Commissioners meeting.

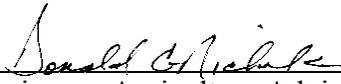
Worth Pickard made a motion to meet with County Commissioners during the September 19th meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wayne Watson seconded hoping that more participants will be able to attend, motion passed unanimously.

Susan gave an update on the Sandhills Farm to Table program which to date has 105 participants.

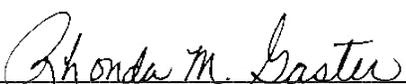
Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm – Worth Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Ragan seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands.

Minutes taken by Ann Billings, Soil and Water



Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board



Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board