

LEE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow

Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2013

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

Absent: Bill Minard, Ray Covington, Worth Pickard, Jerry Lemmond and Tony Ragan

County staff present: Susan Condlin and Rhonda Gaster

Demonstration of GIS and VAD Notification Radius – Susan demonstrated the various layers on GIS relating to VAD for Lee County.

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

Business:

Approval of Minutes – Ed Angel made a motion to approve the January minutes. A.K. Griffin seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Minard, Covington, Pickard, Lemmond and Ragan

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Fund Balance – The VAD balance as of March 20, 2013 is \$1,988.73

Receipts = \$245.00

Expenditures = \$.00

Board Vacancies – 9 vacancies for appointment/reappointment to the VAD Board in June:

Jonesboro (2) – Wayne Watson and current vacancy

East Sanford (1) – Vacant position

Cape Fear (2) – Vacant position and A.K. Griffin

Greenwood (2) – Ed Angel and Donald Nicholson

Deep River (2) – Jane Barringer and Tony Ragan

Contact Gaynell Lee, Clerk to the Board by calling 919-718-4605 ext. 5507 for an application

Review and Approval of Applications –

Cristi Hodge – 17 acres – A.K. Griffin made a motion to accept her application. Ed Angel seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Minard, Covington, Pickard, Lemmond and Ragan

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Mike and Charlene Gaster – 253.99 acres - Wayne Watson made a motion to accept their application. Ed Angel seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Minard, Covington, Pickard, Lemmond and Ragan

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

John Gross, Kathy Gross McNeill, Susan Gross McNeill, William G. Gross – 40.01 acres – A. K. Griffin made a motion to accept their application. Wayne Watson seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Minard, Covington, Pickard, Lemmond and Ragan

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Staton LLC (William Wayne Staton, Jr.) – 59.74 acres – Wayne Watson made a motion to accept the application. Molly Whitaker seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Minard, Covington, Pickard, Lemmond and Ragan

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Total to Date – 7,637.83 acres and 44 landowners

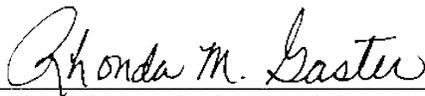
Discussion of Lee County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance: Donald presented the revised VAD Ordinance, which the Lee County Board of Commissioners approved on February 18, 2013.

Township Update – Donald talked to Randy Castleberry about placing a sign in the Broadway District. He is still open to placing a sign on his property. Donald feels it will be in the near future. The person responsible for erecting our signs is in the nursing home recovering from a severe stroke. Several VAD signs have been stolen in the county. If a sign is stolen it is the owners responsibility to replace.

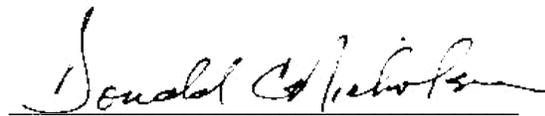
Announcements: Lee County has a new regional agronomist, Georgia Love. She replaces David Dycus. Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative is an excellent way to support local agriculture. The Lee County site was the largest distribution center in 2012. Susan will ask Dan Parks Director of Strategy & Organization Development with North Carolina's Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) to attend a future meeting to discuss the Economic Growth Plan for Lee County. Sandhills Farm to Institution would like to come do a presentation at a future meeting. The Lee County Commissioners disbanded the Environmental Affairs Board and has created the Environmental Review & Advisory Committee. There may be opportunities in the future to work with this committee on land use issues due to the possible natural gas industry coming to the county.

Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2013 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.



Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board


Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board