

LEE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

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Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center 2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332 Minutes October 26, 2016

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

Unexcused Absence: Tom Haislip, Cecil Cameron, George Gilliam

County staff present: Bill Stone, Zack Taylor, Rhonda Gaster and A&T Intern, Dylan Bullard

Opening Remarks: Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm and declared we have a quorum.

Public Comments - None

Approval of Minutes - An amendment was made on the minutes from August 17, 2016. The land being removed from Voluntary Agriculture District from Wayne Watson's property was 4.11 acres and .31 acres from Wayne and Judy Watson for a total of 4.42 acres removed. Ed Angel made a motion to approve the August minutes with the amendment. A.K. Griffin seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Haislip, Cameron, Gilliam

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Haislip, Cameron, Gilliam

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: The VAD balance as of October 26 is \$2,096.50

Receipts = \$00

Expenditures = \$00

Review and Approval of Application(s) – none

Enrollment as of October 26: 7,859.05 and 49 landowners

Expanding the Sanford Farmers' Market in Lee County – Donald brought up the possibility of expanding the Sanford Farmers' Market to the McSwain Center. This will not replace the Farmers' Market at Depot Park; it is an additional location. This will be voted on at the January/February board meeting of the Sanford Farmers' Market. The market here will be on Saturday to avoid interference with the regular business of the facility. The county manager and attorney see no problems with the additional market. They commented to make sure the building is secure and the liability insurance is sufficient. Ed Angel made a motion that we go forward with the additional Farmers' Markets site at the McSwain Center. Ed Angel amended his motion to include sending the Sanford Farmers' Market a letter of support from the Lee County Agriculture Advisory Board if they so choose to expand their location to the McSwain Center. Jerry Lemmond seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

Suggested changes to the Operating Procedures and Bylaws – Bill Stone – In your agenda packet you received a copy of the current Operating Procedures and Bylaws with the change in red. The suggestion for amending is under section 5, b. Regular Meetings. A proposed suggestion to change “regular meeting of the Board shall be held **twice** a year on the 3rd Wednesday of the month **or as needed**”. No comments. The board will vote on this change at the next meeting.

County Extension Director Comments – Bill introduced Dylan Bullard, an intern from NC A&T State University working on his Agriculture Education Degree. He will be with us until the end of November.

Announcements – Farm-City Week Banquet is Monday, November 21 at 5:30. Tickets are \$8. Rhonda has tickets, see her after the meeting to purchase. The Lemon Springs Ruritans will prepare the usual breakfast for supper with country ham, red-eye gravy, scrambled eggs, grits, biscuits with molasses and a beverage.

Jerry mentioned some district signs need to be reset:

Lower Moncure and Cletus Hall Roads
42 at Steel Bridge Road
Gary Thomas' Corn Field at Barringer and Lower River Road

Board Vacancies – 4 vacancies

East Sanford (2) Jonesboro (1) Deep River (1)

Only required to have 7 members on the Agriculture Advisory Board. Since Jerry Lemmond has property in another district, he can represent East Sanford, if he chooses. Try to recruit in the East Sanford district.

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.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Haislip, Cameron, Gilliam

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.


Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board


Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board