

# LEE COUNTY

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## **Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center 2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332 Minutes September 17, 2014**

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

**Absent:** Bill Minard, Harvey Godfrey, Stephen Baber, and Cecil Cameron

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

**Opening Remarks:** Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. No public comments. A quorum was established.

### **Business:**

**Approval of Minutes** – Jerry Lemmond made a motion to approve the May minutes. Worth Pickard seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Minard, Godfrey, Baber, Cameron

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda** – Ed Angel made a motion to approve the September agenda. A.K. Griffin seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Minard, Godfrey, Baber, Cameron

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Fund Balance** – The VAD balance as of September 17, 2014 is \$2,034.50

Receipts = \$130.00

Expenditures = \$00

**Board Vacancies** – 1 vacancy

East Sanford (1) – Vacant position

Board applications are available online at:

<http://www.leecountnc.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ubfpIUejQ9U%3d&tabid=61> or you can obtain from Gaynell Lee, Clerk to the Board by calling 919-718-4605 ext. 5507.

**Election of chair and vice-chair** – Blank ballots were distributed. There were no nominations from the floor. The committee voted Donald Nicholson-Chair and Jerry Lemmond-Vice-Chair. Jerry Lemmond suggested having a Nominating Committee.

**Sanford-Lee County Partnership for Prosperity** – Ray Covington announced the old Economic Development Committee (EDC) is now Sanford/Lee County Partnership for Prosperity. Rodger Sauls is the CEO of the Sanford/Lee County Partnership for Prosperity. The group has raised nearly 800 thousand dollars with a goal of 1.2 million. Farmer representation is needed on the board. There is a fee to be a voting member. Cooperative Extension in Lee County has a non-voting seat on the new Board. Ray will talk to Susan about her participation on the Sanford/Lee County Partnership for Prosperity.

**Oath of Office for Agriculture Advisory Board Members** – Rhonda was asked to read the oath out loud before the members were sworn in. All members present were sworn in.

**Review and Approval of Applications – 2 applications**

James Taylor – 114.09 acres  
Richard Matthews – 30.39 acres

Ray Covington made a motion to approve James Taylor and Richard Matthews' Volunteer Agriculture District applications. Jerry Lemmond seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

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

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Enrollment Total to Date – 7,843.13 acres and 47 landowners**

**Township Sign Update** – No update.

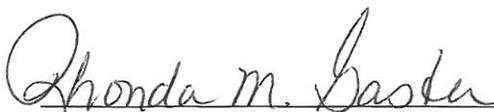
**Announcements:** Wayne Watson asked that an electronic list of VAD participants and acreage enrolled be sent to the Agriculture Advisory Board members. Donald Nicholson asked if we can put a link to the GIS that shows the VAD layer on our webpage.

**Next Meeting Date:** November 19, 2014

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

  
Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board

  
Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board