

# LEE COUNTY

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## **Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2010**

**Members present:** Worth Pickard, Jane Barringer, Wayne Watson, Barbara Alphin, Wayne Yarborough, Donald Nicholson, Tom Boerger, Tony Ragan, Jerry Lemmond, Ed Angel, La-Verne Joyner

**Absent:** George Wilberg

**County staff present:** Tommy Brooks, Susan Conclin and Rhonda Gaster

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

Donald commented on the recent death of Darrell Doby, a member of our Agriculture Advisory Board. He asked the members to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Business:**

**Approval of Minutes** – A quorum was established and Worth Pickard made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed. Barbara Alphin seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

**Fund Balance** – The balance of the NCDFP Trust Fund grant is \$6,483.09. Expenses to-date - \$1,728.91. A copy of the report is filed with the official minutes. Each member present also received a copy. Jerry Lemmond made a motion to accept the report. Wayne Watson seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands.

**Sign Update** – The Voluntary Agricultural District signs are here. A sign was displayed at the meeting. The bill has been submitted for payment.

**Voluntary Agricultural Districts: Enhancing Agricultural Development Workshop** – This workshop will be held Wednesday, April 28 from 8:30 am until approximately 3:00 pm in Smithfield. This workshop is for county agricultural advisory board members and others involved in administering, developing, or investigating county Voluntary Agricultural Districts and other farmland protection efforts. Notify Susan or Rhonda if you would like to attend. Susan will leave the Extension office at 7:30 am.

**Review and Approval of Applications** - We have received four Voluntary Agricultural District applications. Three were from members of the Agriculture Advisory board. Our first applicant was Worth F. and Nancy H. Pickard. The chairman asked Worth Pickard, board member, to abstain from voting. Ed Angel made a motion to accept Worth F. & Nancy H. Pickard's Voluntary Agricultural District application. Jerry Lemmond seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Application approved.

Bridge Road Farm Family Limited Partnership was the second application to approve. The chairman asked Jane Barringer, Agriculture Advisory Board member and member of the partnership, to abstain from voting. Jerry Lemmond made a motion to accept Bridge Road Farm Family Limited Partnership's Voluntary Agricultural District application. Tony Ragan seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Application approved.

Third application for approval is Alan Cox. Worth Pickard made a motion to accept Alan Cox's Voluntary Agricultural District application. Ed Angel seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Application approved.

Fourth application for approval is Barbara G. Alphin & Reevis S. Alphin. The chairman asked Barbara Alphin, board member, to abstain from voting. Worth Pickard made a motion to accept Barbara & Reevis Alphin's Voluntary Agricultural District application. Ed Angel seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Application approved.

With the approval of all applications, the Conservation Agreement will be delivered to the Register of Deeds for recording. The original will be returned to the Extension office, a copy will be made and kept in the Extension office along with the application. The original Conservation Agreement will be mailed to the Voluntary Agricultural District member.

**Presentation of Signs and Erecting Township Signs** – Discussion was held on presenting the first ten VAD members with their signs in a public presentation. Susan will contact Gaynell Lee, Clerk to the Board, to see if this presentation can be made at the Commissioners June 7, 2010 meeting at 3:00 pm. Future member may stop by the Extension Office and pick up their sign. Member will be responsible for displaying their signs. Lee County General Services has agreed to erect the township signs. We currently have 50 small (member) signs and 20 large (township) signs.

**Term Appointments** - Susan reminded those on the committee whose would like to be reappointed to another term to turned in their application to Gaynell Lee. Participation on the Agriculture Advisory Board from the East and Cape Fear districts is still needed. Those districts only have one representative. Members were encouraged to seek representation from those districts.

**Presentation Updates** – Have given the following presentations:

- o Broadway Commissioners – March 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm
- o Sanford Home Builders Association – March 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm
- o Livestock Producers – April 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the McSwain Extension Center
- o Sanford Area Association of Realtors – Have requested to appear before them, waiting for a response

**Announcements:**

**In Kind Report** – Members were instructed to complete their NCDACS ADFP Trust Fund Timesheet for today's meeting.

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.