

# LEE COUNTY

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## **Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2010**

**Members present:** LaVerne Joyner, Jane Barringer, Wayne Yarborough, Barbara Alphin, Worth Pickard, Donald Nicholson, Tony Ragan, Wayne Watson, Ed Angel

**Absent:** Jerry Lemmond, George Wilberg, Tom Boerger, Darrell Doby

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

**Opening Remarks:** In the absence of the Chair and the Vice chair, Susan Condlin, County Extension Director, called the meeting to order. No public comment.

### **Business:**

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

**Fund Balance** – The balance of the NCDP Trust Fund grant is \$6,753.09. Expenses were \$1,312.45. A copy of the report is filed with the official minutes. Each member present also received a copy.

**Sign Update** – The Voluntary Agricultural District signs have been ordered from Correction Enterprises and should arrive by Monday, March 22. The horticultural plant at the right bottom of the sign was altered for clarity.

**Distribution of applications and discussion** - Susan added a space to put an e-mail address on the application. Applications will be accepted April 1, 2010 as voted at the February 17, 2010 meeting. The Agriculture Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 to approve all applications that have been submitted. Susan distributed a copy the Lee County webpage with the link to the County GIS department. GIS's interactive mapping will help in obtaining the information needed to complete the application. If you have problems accessing the GIS site or maps, Susan or Tommy will be available to help. Susan will write an Extension News article about the Voluntary Agricultural District to run on March 31, 2010. The application process should go smoothly.

**2009 NC Agricultural Statics Book** – Copies were distributed. The book gives agricultural statics for the entire state.

**Term Appointment Process** – If your term expires and you want to stay on the committee, complete another application and return to the Clerk of Court via mail or bring to the office and we will send over via county courier.

**Presentation Updates:**

- Don Nicholson and Susan Conclin spoke at the Farm Bureau meeting and went before the Lee County Commissioners
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Broadway Commissioners – March 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm
  - Sanford Home Builders Association – March 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm
  - Sanford Area Association of Realtors – Have requested to appear before them, waiting for a response
  - Livestock Producers – April 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the McSwain Extension Center  
Note: Grant funds will be used to sponsor the meal for this group

**Announcements:**

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

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center

**Adjournment:** Tony Ragan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Worth Pickard seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.