

# 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 21, 2015**

**Members present:** Donald Nicholson, Jane Barringer, Jerry Lemmond, Molly Whitaker, Stephen Baber, Harvey Godfrey

**Excused Absence:** Ed Angel, A.K. Griffin, Wayne Watson, Cecil Cameron

**County staff present:** Zack Taylor, Rhonda Gaster, Ryan Faulk

**Opening Remarks:** Donald Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm and declared we have a quorum

**Public Comments** - None

**Approval of Minutes** - Stephen Baber made a motion to approve August 19, 2015 minutes. Jane Barringer seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Lemmond, Whitaker, Baber, Godfrey

Nay: None

Absent: Angel, Griffin, Watson, Cameron

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

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

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Lemmond, Whitaker, Baber, Godfrey

Nay: None

Absent: Angel, Griffin, Watson, Cameron

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The VAD balance as of October 21 is \$2,057.50

Receipts = \$00

Expenditures = \$00

**Board Vacancies** – 4 vacancies

East Sanford (2)

Pocket (1)

Jonesboro (1)

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.

**Review and Approval of Application(s) – 0 application**

Donald encouraged members of the board to get landowners to join the Voluntary Agriculture District. There will be a forestry meeting Thursday evening. Applications will be available at the meeting. Molly said she would encourage members to join at this meeting. Also encourage members of the Livestock Association and Area Farmers to join the Voluntary Agriculture District.

**Township Sign Update** –Ryan Faulk had no sign update.

Donald introduced Zack Taylor as our new Agriculture Agent. Zack started July 15, 2015.

**County Extension Director Comments** – N/A

**Announcements** – Rhonda mentioned our Farm-City Week Banquet is Monday, November 23, 2015. The social starts at 5:30 pm with mini muffins and hot cider. The Banquet starts at 6:00 pm with our traditional meal of country ham, red-eye gravy, scrambled eggs, grits, biscuits with molasses and an outstanding program. The Ruritans prepare the meal. Tickets are available - \$8 each.

Jerry Lemmond mentioned a Thank-You note should be sent to the commissioners thanking them for the 80/20 funding for the horticulture position.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

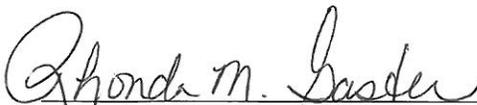
With no further business to come before the board, Jerry Lemmond made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Baber seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Nicholson, Barringer, Lemmond, Whitaker, Baber, Godfrey

Nay: None

Absent: Angel, Griffin, Watson, Cameron

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

  
Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board

  
Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board