

# LEE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

*Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow*

**Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting  
McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center  
2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332  
Minutes  
March 19, 2014**

**Members present:** Bill Minard, Donald Nicholson, Wayne Watson, Worth Pickard, Jane Barringer, Ray Covington, Jerry Lemmond, Molly Whitaker, Harvey Godfrey, Ed Angel

**Absent:** A. K. Griffin, Stephen Baber

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

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

Lisa Faulkner, Tax Appraisals Manager for Lee County Tax Office, gave a presentation on Present-Use.

**Business:**

**Approval of Minutes** – Ray Covington made a motion to approve the January minutes. Worth Pickard seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Minard, Nicholson, Watson, Pickard, Barringer, Covington, Lemmond, Whitaker, Godfrey  
Angel

Nay: None

Absent: Baber, Griffin

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda** – Jerry Lemmond made a motion to approve the March agenda. Ed Angel seconded the motion. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Minard, Nicholson, Watson, Pickard, Barringer, Covington, Lemmond, Whitaker, Godfrey  
Angel

Nay: None

Absent: Baber, Griffin

The chairman ruled the motion passed unanimously.

**Fund Balance** – The VAD balance as of March 19, 2014 is \$1,904.50

Receipts = \$.00

Expenditures = \$26.00

**Board Vacancies** – 2 vacancies

East Sanford (1) – Vacant position  
Cape Fear (1) – Vacant position

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 Applications – 0 applications**

**Total to Date – 7,698.65 acres and 45 landowners**

**Township Sign Update** – At the VAD District Workshop held here March 12, a breakout session was held on signage. Wayne Watson attended the breakout session and brought up the possibility of adding an agriculture slogan to the Welcome to Lee County sign, under Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow. This will need commissioner approval and a resolution. The committee discussed the possibilities and decided to gather more information and discuss at the next meeting.

**County Extension Director Comments** – Susan shared information on the upcoming program “Attention Women Landowners – Are You Lost in the Woods?” Open to all landowners, the program will be at the McSwain Extension Center on March 27, 2014 at 3:00 pm and repeated at 7:00 pm. The speakers for the program will be Stephen Whitfield, executive director for NC Wooldands and Mark Megalos, forestry specialist at NCSU. Sam Buchanan, Lee County Forest Ranger and Lisa Faulkner, Lee County Tax Office will be on hand. Susan asked that this information be shared with others.

Susan gave committee members a VAD membership packet and challenged them to reach out and enroll one person in the VAD.

**Announcements:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** May 21, 2014 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center. The group suggested having Sheriff Tracy Carter speak consequences landowners might suffer as a result of illegal activity taking place on their land. Susan will follow up with Sheriff Carter.

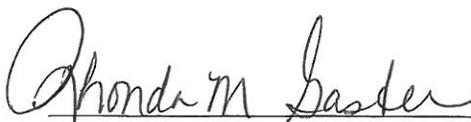
With no further business to come before the board, Ray Covington made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Lemmond seconded. Upon a vote the results were as follows:

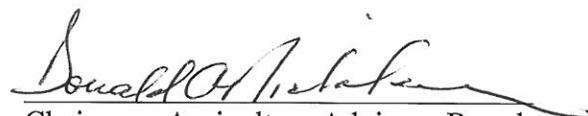
Aye: Minard, Nicholson, Watson, Pickard, Barringer, Covington, Lemmond, Whitaker, Godfrey  
Angel

Nay: None

Absent: Baber, Griffin

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

  
Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board

  
Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board