

LEE COUNTY

Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow

Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes August 18, 2010

Members present: Donald Nicholson, AK Griffin, Worth Pickard, Jane Barringer, Wayne Watson, Ed Angel, Wayne Yarborough, Tony Ragan

Absent: Jerry Lemmond, Tom Boerger, Barbara Alphin

County staff present: Tommy Brooks, Susan Condlin, Seth Holt, Rhonda Gaster

Guest: Grace Lawrence, Program Director for the Ft. Bragg Regional Task Force Working Land Protection Program (BRAC RTF).

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

Business:

Approval of Minutes – A quorum was established. Worth Pickard made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed. AK Griffin seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion passed.

Fund Balance – The NCDFP Trust Fund grant is over. The funds received for applications/additional signs will be placed in Extension's Advisory Account under the VAD line item. The current VAD fund balance is \$315.

Review and Approval of Applications – Received one application today from Daniel Logan. Will go through the proper channels and present for approval at the next meeting.

Lee County Working Lands Preservation Plan – Grace Lawrence presented the changes and recommendations for Lee County's Farm Land Preservation Plan. A discussion ensued about the EVAD (Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District). Would like to include that members cannot opt out until 10 year period is over. Implementation period for the EVAD – 2014.

Ed Angel made a motion to accept the Lee County Farmland Preservation Plan. AK Griffin seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion passed.

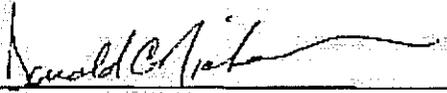
Township Sign Update – First two VAD large signs are going up Friday, August 20. Richard Hayes, chairman of Lee County Board of Commissioners and Donald Andrews, Mayor of Broadway will be present for the event. A sign will be placed at AK Griffin's Christmas Tree Farm off Hwy. 42 and the other sign will be placed on Wayne Yarborough's property. These signs will be placed in the Cape Fear and Jonesboro Township areas.

Katie Petty, property owner, has agreed to place a large VAD sign on her property in the Pocket (west) area.

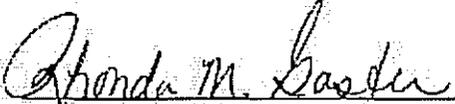
Announcements – Mike Waldvogel, Extension Specialist from North Carolina State University, updated the Agriculture and Agribusiness in Lee County, 2008. Each committee member was given a copy of the report and is attached to the original minutes.

Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Worth Pickard made a motion to adjourn. Ed Angel seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.



Chairman, Agriculture Advisory Board



Clerk to the Agriculture Advisory Board