



Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda for September 17, 2024, at 11:00 am

49 Mount Carmel Rd, Asheville, NC 28806

Call to order	Chase Hubbard, Chair
Public Comment	
Approval of September 17, 2024, meeting agenda	Board
Approval of August 20, 2024, meeting minutes	Board
Board Member Reports	Board
Applications for VAD and EVAD	Avni Naik, BCSWCD
AGZ & Bond Project Proposals	Ariel Zijp, BCSWCD
New Board Position Opening	Ariel Zijp, BCSWCD
Farmland Preservation Report	Ariel Zijp, BCSWCD
Announcements and Discussion	Board

To enter closed session: G.S.143-318.11(a)(2)(5)

Meeting Minutes
Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board - Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District
49 Mount Carmel Rd, Asheville, NC 28787
August 20, 2024, at 11:06 am

Ag Advisory Board Members Present: Chair Chase Hubbard, Vice-Chair Wayne Welch, Anne Grier, Mark Diaz, and Suzy Rankin.

Others Present: Ariel Zijp, Avni Naik, Angelica Tyler (BC Staff).

The meeting was called to order at am.

Public Comment: No public comment at this time.

Approval of the August 20, 2024, Meeting Agenda

- **Wayne Welch made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024, meeting agenda, seconded by Mark Diaz, and the motion passed on the vote.**

Approval of the June 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- **Mark Diaz made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Wayne Welch, and the motion passed on the vote.**

Board Member Reports: No board member reports.

VAD and EVAD Applications: Provided by Ms. Naik. 2 VAD renewal applications.

- **Anne Grier made a motion to approve the VAD renewal applications, seconded by Mark Diaz, and the motion passed on the vote.**

Applicant	Township	Acres	Program	Determination	Appl. Date	Appl. No.	Tax Lot PIN	Email	Notes
Everett Reems	Leicester	52.33	VAD	Eligible-Renewal	6/24/2024	768-Reems	8771985216		
Paul Phillips	Weaverville	23.66	VAD	Eligible-Renewal	6/30/2024	769-Phillips	9733479126		
		0							
		VAD Totals		EVAD Totals		VAD/EVAD Combined Totals			
Totals as of February 2024	Number of Farms		Number of Farms		341				
	Total Acreage		Total Acreage		24874.26				
New totals for March 2024 if proposed applications are approved	Number of Farms		Number of Farms		344				
	Total Acreage		Total Acreage		25154.7				

Farmland Preservation Report: Presented by Ms. Zijp.

- Staff sent out a list of projects in the pipeline to both LCAB and Ag Advisory for their general knowledge of projects that land trusts and Staff are hoping to work on in the upcoming months
- There have been conversations with ag agencies and partners to discuss farm transition opportunities, workshops, and educational events
- Another Ag Breakfast event is tentatively planned for Oct. 25, 2024

- Received a grant to upload VAD/EVAD records into the conservation software and are working on importing the records with the software developers.

Completed Easement Monitoring

- July 16 – Transaction cost requests approved by BOC for Kestrel, Battle, Hawkins
- All 4 Jasperwood Easements Closed on July 10th – 261.46 acres in Newfound
- Soden Easement: closed on Aug 7th – 43.20 acres in Fairview
- Easement Project Updates

Project Name Project Status Update

- Kestrel Herb Farm: Start appraisal and contracting with surveyor
- Battle Forest: Start appraisal and contracting with surveyor
- Sandy Hollar Farm: Start appraisal and contracting with surveyor
- Okoboji Farm: HOA Board approval, Contracting and starting survey in Aug
- SAHC Farm Expansion: SAHC & Landowner working to exclude disputed area
- Splendor Valley LLC Farm: Awaiting the SBA loan to be resolved/cashing out
- Tone Hollar Farm: Starting up expansion survey on additional acres
- Soden Farm: Closed on August 7th!!
- Parham/Fortner Farm: Finished survey & starting title/deed work
- Rogers Farm: Roger's Farm Trust Starting appraisal, title and deed work, and BDR
- Roger's Farm: David Rogers ROW deed in works, title and deed work, and BDR
- Scott Fisher Farm: Starting appraisal, title and deed work, and BDR
- Jasperwood Farm: AC Closed on July 10!!!!
- Jasperwood Farm: GC & SC Closed on July 10!!!!
- Jasperwood Farm: AC & GC Ph 1 Closed on July 10!!!!
- Jasperwood Farm: AC & GC Ph 2 Closed on July 10!!!!

Announcements & Discussions

With no further announcements or discussion, the meeting ended at 11:26 pm.