Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
October 21, 2009

Members present: Darrell Doby, Wayne Watson, Barbara Alphin, La-Verne Joyner, Wayne Yarborough, Tom Boerger, Jane Barringer, Worth Pickard, Jerry Lemmond, George Wilberg, Donald Nicholson

Unexcused Absence: Albert Adcock, Tony Ragan

Excused Absence: Ed Angel

Guest speakers: Lisa Faulkner and Stephanie Romelczyk

County staff present: Tommy Brooks and Rhonda Gaster

Opening Remarks: Jerry Lemmond, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order. He asked for public comment. No public comment.

Jerry introduced Lisa Faulkner, Tax Appraisal Manager. She presented a power point presentation on Land Use in Lee County.

Donald Nicholson, Chairman, introduced Stephanie Romelczyk, Extension Agent – Horticulture. She gave a power point presentation on horticulture statistics.

Business:

Approval of Minutes – Worth Pickard moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Jerry Lemmond seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

Fund Balance – The balance of the NCDFP Trust Fund grant is $8,065.46. There were no transactions to report.

Continued discussion on application and procedures for applying to be a VAD

Clarification of the wording on the VAD application “Single or Multiple Ownership” was defined by County Attorney, Dick Hoyle as:

Single Ownership
- man and wife
- Parent and child (if child lives at home)
- Trust
- LLC – requires one signature
- Corporation – requires one signature
Multiple Ownership  Parent and child (child does not live at home)
Trustees – requires more than one signature
LLC – requires more than one signature
Corporation – requires more than one signature
Partners – requires more than one signature

The register of deeds has approved the application. Tom Boerger made a motion to approve the entire Lee County Voluntary Agricultural District application packet. George Wilberg seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

The committee discussed an application fee. The recording fee at the register of deeds will be included in the application fee. Several amounts were discussed.

Continued discussion on signage

Donald Nicholson received an e-mail from Debbie Jacobs from Correction Enterprises with sign prices. Below is a price list with three colors (green, gold, white):

- 12”x 6” – mailbox – double sided - $8.29 (single sided $5.92)
- 24”x 18” double sided - $28.69  (single sided $20.49)
- 36”x 24” double sided - $60.98 (single sided $43.56)
- 36”x 30” double sided - $122.85 (single sided $54.45)

Debbie mentioned in her e-mail that DOT requires high intensity sheeting on any signs posted on their right-of-way and will cost more.

A copy of the e-mail from Debbie Jacobs is attached to the original minutes. The most popular size sign is the 24”x18” double sided.

Worth Pickard made a motion to charge $50 for the application fee, including the recording fees at the register of deeds, and one (1) 24”x 18” double sided sign. Barbara Alphin seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

If a farmer wants to put more than one sign on their properties, Darrell Doby made a motion to charge cost-plus 10% for additional 24”x 18” signs. George Wilberg seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

Tommy Brooks commented that Chris Gaster, area farmer, has offered to design a sign for the Voluntary Agricultural District. The group agreed to put the following on the sign: barn, sun, tractor, trees, tobacco, chicken on barn and cow. Tommy will ask Chris to come up with a design to present at the next VAD meeting in November.

La-Verne Joyner made a motion for the wording on the sign to read: Lee County Voluntary Agricultural District. Geogre Wilberg seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.
La-Verne Joyner made a motion to use three basic colors of green, white and gold on the Lee County Voluntary Agricultural District sign. George Wilberg seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the large sign to be place at major points entering the county. Darrell Doby made a motion to accept the 36”x 24” size sign for major entries into the county. Tom Boerger seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

Announcements:  
In-Kind-Report – The committee entered their volunteer hours while serving on the Agriculture Advisory Board on the NCDACS ADFP Trust Fund Timesheet for the in-kind-report. This will be done at each meeting and will be mailed to NCDA in December.
Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center

Adjournment: George Wilberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darrell Doby seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.