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Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes

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February 10, 2015

Called to order, 7 pm

Present: Esta Cohen, Chair, Sam Groce (NCCES), Sharon Day, Dr. J. Dykers, Cathy Jones, Ronnie Vaughn, Tandy Jones, Robin Kohanowich, Secretary. Dianne Reid, invited speaker, EDC
Absent: Larry Hicks, Chip Price, Joseph Wachs, Justin Brooks

Board Chair Esta Cohen welcomed Diane Reid of Chatham EDC as special guest for a presentation on the role of the EDC and current economic statistics for Chatham County. Diane gave an informative presentation and welcomed questions from members of the Agriculture Advisory Board. Since agriculture is such an economic driver in Chatham, an opportunity for members of the EDC and the Ag Advisory Board to meet together occasionally is a goal for the future.

Esta Cohen to follow up with Diane Reid regarding a shared meeting of the Chatham EDC and Ag Adv Brd; possible at Best Foods in Siler City

The Business meeting of the Ag Adv Brd was called to order at 7:40.

Old Business

Minutes from previous meeting, Nov 11, 2014 were approved. Motion for approval by Tandy Jones, Sharon Day 2nd; all approved

New Business

New Voluntary AG District Applications Approved: Dr. Dykers moved for approval; Sharon Day 2nd; all approved

Ledford Brady

Joseph Brady

Samuel Cherry

Lee and Amy Underwood

Ronnie Vaughn

Murray and Esta Cohen

Total acreage added to VAD: 472.99

Other new business:

Report on Planning Board Meeting of February 3 2015, Esta

Planning board discussion on Issues effecting Agriculture:

Planning board /BOC are looking at updating the current land use plan.

2 subcommittees were formed by the planning board...one subcommittee will be looking at what is needed to complete the long range plan; the other subcommittee is looking at formulating an interim plan. They are looking for community involvement on these subcommittees.

Discussion by Ag Adv Brd regarding inclusion by the planning board and the BOC in any plans effecting County Agriculture. Motion by Tandy Jones for the Ag Brd to actively seek opportunities for input/communication. Motion seconded by Dr. Dykers. All approved. Esta Cohen will initiate that communication.

Sam Groce shared an update on the progress of the new building for the agriculture center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50