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Agriculture Advisory Board

Approved Minutes

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April 12, 2016 7:00 PM Ag Building

Called to order, 7 pm

Present: Esta Cohen (Chair), Sam Groce (NCCES); Terrill Ellington, Ronnie Vaughn, Tandy Jones, Cathy Jones, Sharon Day, Larry Harris, Joe Wachs, Bobby Tucker

Absent: Dr. J. Dykers, Thomas "Chip" Price, Walter Petty (BOC liaison)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 12, 2016 meeting were not available for board approval.

Old Business

None to discuss at this time.

New Business

1. **Voluntary Ag District Applications** - Two new applications were reviewed and voted for approval:
 - a. William E. and Trudy Cook (Coleridge Rd., 31.1 acres, cattle and timber)
 - i. Unanimous approval
 - b. Eddie Watkins (Bonlee area, 403.3 acres, cattle)
 - i. Unanimous approval
2. **Ag Hall of Fame** – Sam Groce still needs help with the mechanics of promoting/operating this awards program. The board decided to nominate up to 5 people this year to catch up from missed years (2 people nominated a year was the previously agreed-upon number). Terrill, Chip, Larry, and Joe volunteered for the selection sub-committee, and would solicit both Sam and Debra Henzey for feedback and promotional support.
3. **Comprehensive Land Use Plan** – Tandy provided an update from the Ag steering committee. The consultants will be presenting the Phase I plan to the BOC (the plan for the plan) next Monday. So far, the consultants have mostly informed the steering committees on how they are going to solicit stakeholder input and develop the final plan. Tandy requested that the Ag Board agree upon 2-3 of the

major issues to be addressed with the Comprehensive Plan. Comments need to be submitted by Friday 4-15-16

4. **Ordinance Changes** – The board completed a review of the existing Chatham County Farmland Preservation Program Ordinance. The revised Draft Ordinance will be provided by Sam once updates are incorporated and reviewed/approved at the next board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned (9 pm)