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## *Agricultural Advisory Board*

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### **DRAFT Minutes**

#### Agricultural Advisory Board

September 8, 2020 7:00 PM CCACC (Chatham County Agriculture Conference Center) & Zoom  
remote video

**Called to order**, 7:06 pm

**Present:** Bobby Tucker (Chair), Ginger Cunningham (NCCES County Director), Doug Burleson, Sharon Day, Chris Hart, Ben Shields (Secretary), Emily Moose (Planning Board liaison)

**Absent:** Cathy Jones (Vice Chair ), Tenita Solanto, Susannah Goldston (CC Soil & Water Conservation District), Andy Wilkie (BOC liaison)

#### 1. Introduction of Guests

Bobby introduced the guests interviewing for board membership.

## 2. Agenda Review and Approval

Bobby introduced the meeting and solicited input on the proposed agenda. No edits were suggested.

## 3. Interviews with Board Applicants

The board welcomed Jeanette Beranger at 7:13 pm, then introduced themselves. Jeanette shared a bit about her career history from working as a zookeeper in Rhode Island to her work with the Livestock Conservancy and as a farmer. She also detailed her work with the Livestock Conservancy and all their various collaborations, educational and marketing efforts. She spoke about her vision and concern for Chatham County agriculture and asked about the expected time commitment to the AAB. Jeanette left the meeting at 7:34

The board welcomed Jeff Vaughan at 7:36 pm, then introduced themselves. Jeff shared a bit about his career history from obtaining a PhD. In Soil Science from NCSU to working up the ladder at Agri-Waste Technologies. He detailed the work that he has done as a Licensed Soil Scientist, Certified Agronomist as well as his personal history of growing up around his families farm. He spoke about his vision and concern for Chatham County agriculture and asked about the expected time commitment to the AAB. Jeff left the meeting at 7:50

The board welcomed James Flood at 7:56, then introduced themselves. James shared a bit about his personal and career history from working in porcine genetics to managing the Overhill Farm / Rockefeller Estate near Fort Bragg. He also shared his history of membership on Cumberland and Harnett County citizen advisory boards. He spoke about his vision and concern for Chatham County and North Carolina agriculture. He also asked about the expected time commitment to the AAB. James left the meeting at 8:16.

### 3. Discussion of Board Applicant Interviews

Board members briefly shared their impressions and thoughts about the applicant interviews. Sharon made the motion to accept Ms. Beranger and Mr. Vaughn, Bobby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Review of minutes from August 11, 2020

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sharon shared her desire participate in the Subdivision Water Supply in Ag Areas Subcommittee, Emily said she would let the sub-committee chair know. Bobby moved to accept the minutes without edits, Sharon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. New Business

For clarification, Bobby reiterated Ag Advisory Board members on Subdivision Water Supply in Ag Areas Subcommittee chose to represent the AAB and not become full subcommittee members. This level of participation will thereby reduce the burden on county staff regarding notifications of public meetings. The subcommittee will not be voting on items and will be reporting its findings to the Planning Board for their deliberation.

The board discussed potential guest speakers who AAB members had contacted and scheduling them for upcoming meetings.

Ginger updated the board on the short video produced by the Chatham Co. Cooperative Extension folks about the Voluntary Agricultural District program. She said she would share it shortly after the meeting with members by email.

### 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.