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## *Agricultural Advisory Board*

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### **DRAFT Minutes**

#### Agricultural Advisory Board

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 PM CCACC (Chatham County Agriculture Conference Center) & Microsoft Teams remote video

**Called to order;** 7:10 pm

**Present:** Tenita Solanto (Chair), Cathy Jones (Vice Chair), Sharon Day, Doug Burleson, Jeff Vaughan, Amy Fulford, Caroline Siverson (Planning Board liaison), Susannah Goldston (Chatham SWCD) **Guests:** Dr. Hal House, Tandy Jones, Rich Hayes, Dr. Howard Weinberg, Laura Allen

**Absent:** Ben Shields (Secretary), Chris Hart, Robert Logan (CC County Commissioner liaison)

#### 1. Roll Call

Present members identified themselves.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Amy corrected the spelling of Brooks Compost in section 2 of the minutes. Cathy made a motion to approve with that correction. Sharon seconded. Motion Carried.

#### 4. Chatham County Regenerative Agricultural and AgriForestry Water Reclamation Reuse

Dr. House, with the Wastewater Study Commission for Northeast Chatham, presented about the treatment of residential wastewater, the problems with maintaining residential wastewater treatment systems in the northeast of the county and proposed reuse of wastewater on agricultural operations in the county for fertilizer and irrigation benefits. He asked for feedback from the Ag Advisory Board on the desire/need for a liquid fertilizer product produced from residential wastewater. Discussion ensued.

#### 5. UDO Audit Report Discussion and Comment Preparation

The Draft Recode Chatham UDO Audit Report was provided to the Ag Advisory Board with a request to make comments by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Discussion ensued. Caroline provided advice on what the Planning Board committee needs. Susannah to submit group comments April 13<sup>th</sup> to Chance Mullis.

#### 6. American Rescue Plan Funds Listening Session

Tenita asked the board if anyone attended the listening sessions or had any input. No comments from the group.

#### 7. Voluntary Agricultural District Update

Susannah presented a list of 4 applications with 8 parcels, totaling in 342.62 acres for approval. One farm is in the Siler City ETJ but is eligible because of the MOU between Siler City and Chatham County to allow VAD within their ETJ. Sharon motioned to approve all applications; Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 8. Board Membership

Jeannette Bearanger resigned from the AAB leaving a vacancy with a partial term expiring in 2023. Susannah notified the Board that Ben, Doug, and Jeff's terms will be up June 30<sup>th</sup>. They

may be reappointed for 2022-2025 terms. Vacancies can be advertised at the beginning of the fiscal year or review older applications.

#### 9. New Business

None noted.

#### 10. Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. Tenita will poll the group to determine if meeting will be in-person or virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.