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**Farmland Protection Program
Durham Soil and Water Conservation District
721 Foster Street
Durham, NC 27701**

Meeting Number: 03 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: April 21, 2006

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank, Chairman – At Large
Douglas Daye, Flat River VAD
Aileen Glasgow, Business Representative
Ramon Tancino, At Large Member

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Soil & Water
Millie H. Tilley, Soil & Water
Sharon Davis, Register of Deeds
Cherry Smith
Mike Giles, Open Space
Jane Korest, Open Space

- 1. Welcome** – Chairman Neil Frank called the Farmland Protection Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:50 AM.
- 2. Minutes and Financial Report** – No action.
- 3. Update on VADS** – Culberson presented one VAD for approval: W.A McFarland & Blanche J. McFarland with 917.90 acres. Glasgow made the motion to approve. Tancino seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Culberson stated that this brought our total to approximately 6,300 acres on about 140 parcels.
- 4. 2006 FRPP Application Approval** – Giles reported they were making a grant application on the W.A.McFarland Farm of 918 acres for a conservation easement. Korest stated McFarland agreed to a 25% bargain sale; therefore, he would be making a substantial donation as part of this property. Korest reported that Durham County's match for this project is \$1.1 million and Open Space would be requesting \$2 million. After some discussion, Tanino made the motion to approve the conservation easement and the funding. Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Giles reported this was his last meeting with the Farm Board. Giles stated that next week will be his last week with the County and he and his wife are moving to the coast.
- 5. Update on Spring Workshop** – Frank reported that it looked as though we had a good list of topics for the workshop that will be held on May 20 at the Bahama Ruritan Club. Frank stated we would be having breakfast, followed with a bar-b-queue and chicken lunch provided through a grant from the NC Department of Agriculture. Frank reported the subcommittee should meet again on May 11 at 8:30 AM to make sure we are on track.
- 6. Other/New Business** – None.
- 7. Set Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting was set for July 20, 2006.
- 8. Adjourn** – With no further discussion or business, Frank adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Neil Frank

Chairman

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Vice Chairman