Members present: Louis Suther, Vicky Porter, Randy Fisher, Jerry Pless, Marvin Bost, and Larry Taylor

Also in Attendance: Carl Pless, Extension Agriculture Agent, Advisor; and Debbie Bost, County Extension Director, Advisor

Guests present: Turner Morrison, Farm Service Agency; Jonathan Marshall, Commerce Director; and Rick and Kara Hartsell of Flowe Store Road

Absent: Ned Hudson,

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am. The group reviewed the minutes from the Organizational meeting on February 14, 2006. They then reviewed the procedures for the Agricultural Advisory Board. The Board discussed the need for an advising attorney and Jonathan Marshall indicated that interim county attorney, Rich Koch was willing to assist the group. The minutes were approved as written; the Rules of Procedure for the Board were approved as written. Jonathan Marshall indicated he would work on an Ordinance Amendment since our schedule of meeting was different than in the Ordinance approved by the County Commissioners. Vicky Porter was elected Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board and Larry Taylor was elected Vice-Chairman.

Jonathan Marshall discussed his conversation with Wally Safrit, attorney for the City of Kannapolis and their pending condemnation of land in Kannapolis for a fire station. This said land is part of a pending application for the AAB’s approval in the Enhanced version of the Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance. The City of Kannapolis has not initiated formal procedures and therefore, the AAB’s actions supersede any other procedures in place at this current time. There could be concerns with this application and the City of Kannapolis, therefore, the need for an advising attorney.

The AAB asked for its advisors to walk them through the application and approval process and procedures.

At this time, guests Rick and Kara Hartsell of Flowe Store Road, initiated a discussion with the AAB about the Ordinance – what it is, how does it work, and what it does for landowners in our community.
The AAB reviewed applications with parcel maps and the located them on the large map provided by the Commerce Department. The Agricultural Advisory Board approved 22 applications for the revocable (original) agricultural districts, and 34 for non-revocable (enhanced) agricultural districts. There were 11 in areas of growth that were outside the jurisdiction of the AAB that were sent to the Board of County Commissioners for there review and recommended approval at their March BOC meeting. These current applications total 3,986 acres in Cabarrus County.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah G. Bost,
County Extension Director, Recorder

Approved