

Minutes

May 28, 2013

N. C. Board of Agriculture

Casey M. Armstrong

Kirk Mathis

Maurice K. Berry, Jr.

Mark Peters

Jean J. Boseman

Elbert R. Pitt, Jr.

William F. Johnston

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Steve Troxler, Chairman

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Call to Order

Referendum Request – Peach Growers' Society

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The Board of Agriculture meeting on May 28, 2013 was held via conference call. Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and read the Ethics Reminder. The following Board members were in attendance via conference call: Kirk Mathis, Ossie Kearney, Casey Armstrong, Jeff Turner, and Maurice Berry.



The first official agenda item was a referendum request from the NC Peach Growers' Society. Commissioner called on David McLeod, Assistant Commissioner, to explain the request. Dexter Hill, Marketing Specialist with NCDA&CS and Art Williams, Vice President of the NC Peach Growers' Society were also available on the call to answer any questions.

Mr. McLeod noted that the NC Peach Growers' Society used to have an assessment that they would like to reinstate. The referendum period would cover crop years 2013 through 2018 and the assessment amount would be based on three levels of production. Tier one, for growers with fewer than 500 trees, would be \$100.00. Tier 2, for growers with 500 – 2,500 trees, would be \$250.00. Tier 3, for growers with more than 2,500 trees would be assessed at \$350.00. Funds from this assessment would be used to hire a part-time executive secretary, support research and increase market awareness for peaches.

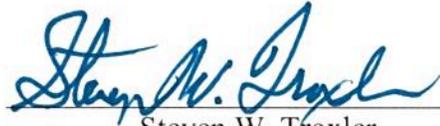
Casey Armstrong MOVED that the request be approved, which was seconded by Ossie Kearney. The motion carried unanimously.



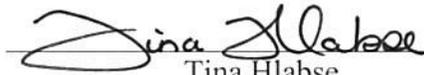
Commissioner Troxler then called for any other business to come before the Board. There being no further business to discuss, Kirk Mathis made the MOTION to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ossie Kearney and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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Adopted by the Board this 29th day
of August, 2013.



Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner of Agriculture
Chairman



Tina Hlabse
Secretary