

Minutes

November 6, 2013

N. C. Board of Agriculture

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Kirk Mathis

Maurice K. Berry, Jr.

Mark Peters

Doug Boyd

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William Johnston

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The Board of Agriculture meeting on November 6, 2013 was held via conference call. Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm and read the Ethics Reminder. The following Board members were in attendance via conference call: Casey Armstrong, Maurice Berry, Doug Boyd, Tommy Burlison, Billy Carter, Billy Johnston, Kirk Mathis, Mark Peters, Bert Pitt, Bob Sutter, and Jeff Turner.



Commissioner Troxler welcomed the Board members to the call and called on Dr. Colleen Hudak-Wise, Director of the Agronomics Division, to discuss the temporary rules regarding the plant sample analysis.

Dr. Hudak-Wise explained to the Board that the rules that were brought up at the meeting in August were now up for formal adoption by the Board of agriculture. These rules increase the waste sample fees from five dollars to eight dollars in order to offset budget cuts that were mandated by the appropriations act.

In addition, the fee schedule outlined in the rules was updated to correctly reflect what the Board adopted in 2005. The temporary rule will allow the division to collect the increased fee as soon as possible in order to meet budget projections. The rule will come before the Board again at a later date when it moves through the permanent rulemaking process.

Billy Johnston made the MOTION, which was seconded by Bert Pitt, to adopt the temporary rules on plant sample analysis.

There was discussion about the possibility of future fee increases, and who should shoulder the burden of increases if they are mandated by the General Assembly. It was also mentioned that the Pork Council was aware of the fee increase.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the MOTION to adopt the temporary rules was carried by unanimous vote.



Commissioner Troxler updated the Board on this year's NC State Fair and then asked for any other business. With no further business to discuss, Kirk Mathis made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting. The motion, which was seconded by Bob Sutter, carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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Adopted by the Board this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of April, 2014.



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Steven W. Troxler  
Commissioner of Agriculture  
Chairman



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Tina Hlabse  
Secretary