

**NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2011**

A meeting of the Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council (Council) to address Council resolutions was held March 15, 2011, via conference call. Council Chair, Commissioner Steve Troxler, opened the meeting at 10:30 am.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Jamie Ager
Dr. Alice Ammerman
Mr. Uli Bennewitz
Dr. Nancy Creamer
Mr. John Day
Dr. Jeffrey Engel
Ms. Debbie Hamrick

Ms. Linda Harris
Dr. Lynn Harvey
Ms. Savonala Horne
Dr. Ed Jones
Ms. Earline Middleton
Mr. Randall Patterson
Commissioner Steve Troxler

ABSENT MEMBERS

Mr. Ted Burch
Secretary Keith Crisco
Mr. Billy Ray Hall
Mr. Phil Hudson
Mr. Charlie Jackson
Mr. Barry Nash

Rev. Mac Legerton
Mr. Roland McReynolds
Mr. Willy Phillips
Mr. Tommy Porter, Jr.
Ms. LaTisha Watford

OPENING COMMENTS

Commissioner Troxler welcomed the Council and shared that the intent of the meeting was to review proposed resolutions. Resolutions were sent via email to Council members prior to the conference call.

Three resolutions were discussed and full text is available on the NCSLFAC website:

Resolution Supporting Continuation in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services of the State's Research Stations and the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund

Resolution Supporting Continuation of State Funding for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Meat and Poultry Inspection Division

Resolution Supporting Legislation to Exempt Small-Scale Processing of Agricultural Products from Wastewater Permit Requirements

ACTION: Ms. Linda Harris moved to accept all three resolutions as presented; Ms. Debbie Hamrick seconded the motion. Discussion regarding the resolutions was as follows:

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Ms. Hamrick shared that Farm Bureau is in discussions with NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources in regards to a new general permit for wastewater and will continue discussions. Mr. Bennewitz encouraged these discussions to include ways to implement without high upfront and inspection costs. Dr. Engle shared that Public Health is supportive and doesn't want to compromise other small producers with unnecessary regulations.

ACTION: All Council members voted in favor of the resolutions and they will be delivered to members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Commissioner Troxler shared with the group that the Executive Council had discussed the possibility of Golden Leaf Foundation and Tobacco Trust Fund monies may be rolled into addressing the current budget deficit. There may be a resolution necessary in the future. If a resolution is necessary in the future, the Executive Council has the latitude to bring forward to the Council for consideration.

Dr. Creamer shared that the local foods community has benefitted greatly from both Tobacco Trust Fund and Golden Leaf Foundation funding. Ms. Horne asked what the driving force behind this consideration was and Commissioner Troxler shared that the measure is recommended to address budget shortfall. Dr. Creamer said that to liquidate the corpus of these organizations would be detrimental to our State and extremely short sighted.

Commissioner Troxler encouraged Council members to utilize their networks and make personal contacts to support the issues addressed by the resolutions approved by the Council. Ms. Horne encouraged organizations and individuals to stay informed on legislative discussions and issues this session.

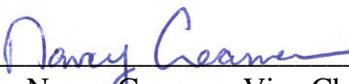
With no further business for the Council, the call ended at 10:52 am.

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Adopted by the Council this 28th day of April, 2011



Commissioner Steven W. Troxler, Chair
Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council



Dr. Nancy Creamer, Vice Chair
Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council