

NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2010

The North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council held its second meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. on April 22, 2010, in the Martin Building at the N.C. State Fairgrounds.

Members in attendance:

Commissioner Steve Troxler	Mr. Billy Ray Hall	Mr. Roland McReynolds
Mr. Jamie Ager	Ms. Debbie Hamrick	Ms. Earline Middleton
Dr. Alice Ammerman	Ms. Linda Harris	Mr. Barry Nash
Mr. Uli Bennewitz	Dr. Lynn Harvey	Mr. Randall Patterson
Mr. Ted Burch	Mr. Charlie Jackson	Mr. Willy Phillips
Dr. Nancy Creamer	Ms. Mary James	Mr. Tommy Porter, Jr.
Ms. Dania Davy	Rev. Mac Legerton	

Also in attendance:

Mr. Garrett Wyckoff for Commerce Secretary Keith Crisco
Ms. Diane Beth for Dr. Jeffrey Engel
Mr. Ed Jones for Dr. Jon Ort

Absent members:

Mr. Andrew Branan	Dr. Jeffery Engel
Mr. John Day	Mr. Phil Hudson
Commerce Secretary Keith Crisco	Dr. Jon Ort

Opening Comments—Chairman Steve Troxler, Commissioner of Agriculture

Commissioner Troxler opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

- Commissioner Troxler read the mission statement from the General Statute.
- Members of the Council were given a longleaf pine seedling, donated by Bodenhamer Farms & Nursery, in honor of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day.
- Commissioner Troxler introduced Mr. Jim Cummings, the contract employee hired to serve the Council. Mr. Cummings spoke briefly, expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the Council's work.

Approval of February 2, 2010 Minutes

- Mr. Billy Ray Hall made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Debbie Hamrick and passed unanimously.

Food Safety—Debbie Hamrick, Director Specialty Crops, NC Farm Bureau Federation

- Ms. Hamrick gave a Power Point presentation (Exhibit 1) on new Food Safety legislative rule changes that will establish safety standards for the production and packing of fresh produce.
- Ms. Hamrick was co-chair on a task force that reviewed on-farm food safety practices for production and packing of produce in North Carolina. The Task Force surveyed North Carolina fruit and vegetable producers to see how their present procedures coincide with the new farm safety rules. Ms. Hamrick gave members of the Council a copy of the survey and highlighted its findings. (Exhibit 2)
- Additionally, Ms. Hamrick reviewed the handout “Points on Produce Safety Regulation, Spring 2009” (Exhibit 3) from the NC Fresh Produce Safety Task Force.

CEFS Statewide Action—Jennifer Curtis, Project Director, NC Choices, Center for Environmental Farming System

- Ms. Curtis highlighted the publication *From Farm to Fork: A Guide to Building North Carolina’s Sustainable Local Food Economy* (Exhibit 4), developed by CEFS to provide key action ideas for building a sustainable local food economy in North Carolina.

Farmland Preservation—Dewitt Hardee, Program Manager, Agricultural Development Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFP), NCDA&CS

- Mr. Hardee’s Power Point presentation (Exhibit 5) explained the creation, purpose and accomplishments of the ADFP. Additionally, he highlighted information from ADFP’s 2009 Annual Report (Exhibit 6).

Mr. Jamie Ager made a motion to direct Mr. Cummings to draft a resolution to the General Assembly from the Council supporting the inclusion of \$5 million to support the Farmland Preservation Trust Fund in this budget cycle. The motion was seconded by Ms. Diane Beth and was carried unanimously by the Council.

Discussion of Subcommittees

Commissioner Troxler introduced Ms. Joy Hicks to lead the discussion on the Subcommittee Guidelines. (Exhibit 7)

Ms. Hicks invited members of the audience to take a longleaf pine seedling before leaving. Ms. Hicks presented draft Subcommittee Guidelines (Exhibit 8) to the Council for their review.

Dr. Nancy Creamer made a motion to have three Subcommittees: 1. A combination of Health and Wellness and Hunger and Food Access to be named later; 2. Economic Development; and 3. Land, People, and Natural Resources. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mary James.

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Mr. Roland McReynolds made a friendly amendment to Dr. Creamer's motion to include a fourth subcommittee: Infrastructure. The friendly amendment was accepted by both Dr. Creamer and Ms. James. Commissioner Troxler called for the question for the motion to add a forth Subcommittee titled "Infrastructure" to the original motion. The motion carried with 22 in favor and 1 opposed.

The amended motion to have four Subcommittees: 1. A combination of Health and Wellness and Hunger and Food Access to be named later; 2. Economic Development; 3. Land, People, and Natural Resources; and 4. Infrastructure carried with 13 for, 7 opposed and 2 abstained.

In reference to the presented draft Subcommittee Guidelines, Mr. Hall made a motion that numbers 1 – 5 and 7 – 9 become the first eight Subcommittee guidelines for operating subcommittees. Mr. Randall Patterson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Hamrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Charlie Jackson, to add an additional guideline stating the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council shall be Ex officio members of all Subcommittees. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hamrick made a motion to amend guideline number 8 to: A quorum of Subcommittee members must be present to take formal action. Only appointed members of the Council may vote on Subcommittee items. A quorum is constituted by a simple majority. Ms. Linda Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hamrick made a motion to add a guideline stating Subcommittees will keep official minutes of meetings and at the first meeting shall determine how they will conduct business whether it will be by general consensus or Robert's Rules of Order. The motion was seconded by Ms. Beth. The motion was unanimously carried

A motion was made by Ms. Hamrick and seconded by Ms. Dania Davy to add a guideline stating ad hoc committees may be appointed by the Chair and Vice Chair to work on issues as needed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to add an additional Subcommittee guideline: The Executive Committee shall report Subcommittee activities to the Council; will set Council meeting agendas; and will ensure the Council carries out the legislative mandates of its enabling legislation. Mr. McReynolds seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Troxler called for a 10 minute recess at 3:40 p.m. to allow Council members the opportunity to sign up for a Subcommittee.

Commissioner Troxler brought the meeting back to order at 3:52 p.m.

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Commissioner Troxler asked for the Council's guidance on how they wanted to handle the Infrastructure Subcommittee which only had one member signed up.

Mr. Ager made a motion to roll the Infrastructure Subcommittee into the Economic Development Subcommittee. Dr. Creamer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Hamrick made a motion that the Economic Development Subcommittee be renamed to Economic Development and Infrastructure. Mr. Ager seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Troxler invited the Council members to meet briefly with their respective Subcommittees after the Council meeting to possibly elect a chair.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Beth, seconded by Ms. Harris, passed unanimously. Commissioner Troxler adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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Adopted by the Council this 22 day
of July, 2010



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



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