

Economic Development & Infrastructure Subcommittee
Of the North Carolina Local Sustainable Food Advisory Council
Mountain Research Station, Fletcher, NC
September 9, 2010
Minutes

Attendance

Subcommittee members

Jamie Ager
Nancy Creamer (Council Vice Chair)
Billy Guillet (attending for Billy Ray Hall)
Debbie Hamrick (Subcomm. Chair)
Charlie Jackson
Roland McReynolds
Barry Nash
Ron Fish (NCDA&CS Staff)

The Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Hamrick. The first item on the agenda was to discuss and approve recommendations from the Subcommittee to the full Council for inclusion in the Council's report to the North Carolina General Assembly.

The Subcommittee discussed the following recommendations:

- Recommendation: Agricultural Task Force Liaison to interact between the NC Local Sustainable Foods Advisory Council and the NC Agricultural Task Force within NCDENR.
- Recommendation: Develop an All-Farm GAPs Pilot Program for Small Farmers. The Council would work with the NC Fresh Produce Safety Task Force and its members to empower local foods producers to attain GAP certification if required by their prospective markets.
- Recommendation: Fund Permanent Council Staff and Operating Budget. Recommend hiring a full-time manager to fully leverage the expertise and resources of the Council, Subcommittees and Working Groups.

Following discussion and editing of each of the three Recommendations, the Subcommittee voted to submit them to the full Council that afternoon for approval and inclusion into the report to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Following brief Working Group reports, the Subcommittee adjourned for the full Council meeting.