

Minutes

January 14, 2015

N. C. Board of Agriculture

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Casey M. Armstrong	Kirk Mathis
Maurice K. Berry, Jr.	Mark Peters
Doug Boyd	Bert Pitt
Tommy Burleson	Robert Sutter
John William Carter, III	Jeffrey Turner
William Johnston	

Steve Troxler, Chairman

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The January 14, 2015 Board of Agriculture meeting was held in Raleigh, NC at the Martin Building, on the N.C. State Fairgrounds. Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and read the Ethics Reminder. Zane Hedgecock opened the meeting with prayer. The following Board members were present: Casey Armstrong, Maurice Berry, Tommy Bureson, Billy Johnston, Bob Sutter, and Jeff Turner. Kirk Mathis joined the meeting by phone.



After welcoming everyone to the meeting and determining that there was a quorum, Commissioner Troxler called for approval of the minutes from the October 8, 2014 board meeting.

Billy Johnston made the MOTION to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Maurice Berry and carried by unanimous vote.



Commissioner Troxler introduced State Veterinarian, Dr. Doug Meckes, to all those in attendance. Dr. Meckes started as the new State Veterinarian in November. Dr. Meckes introduced himself and briefly discussed his background in the veterinarian field and the state of the Veterinarian Division in general. Dr. Meckes then proceeded to introduce the new Animal Welfare Director, Dr. Patricia Norris, by providing all those in attendance a biographical summary of her career. Dr. Patricia Norris then introduced herself and provided an update on the euthanasia rules and regulations throughout the State and how they will be in-line with the American Medical Association guidelines. Dr. Norris then answered some questions from Board members, Bob Sutter and Jeff Turner.



General Counsel Tina Hlabse addressed the Board to discuss the process of rules review and the over-sight committee. Ms. Hlabse reminded the Board that the reports that were reviewed at the last meetings would go before the Rules Review Commission at their next meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. After the review by the Commission, the last step is review by the Administrative Procedures Oversight Committee at the General Assembly. The reports today are in the first step of approving the initial classifications.

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Commissioner Troxler called on Wesley Wyatt, Manager of the NC State Fair, to discuss the classification of the rules contained in 02 NCAC 20B, Regulations of the State Fair. Mr. Wyatt explained to the Board that the rule pertaining to prize drawings during the State Fair was no longer necessary. Maurice Berry commented on this rule. David Smith commented on the new taxes for agriculture fairs. Dr. Reich also addressed the Board, and notified them that there are several "fee reviews" being conducted.

After continued discussion regarding sales tax and the fair, Billy Johnston MOVED that the Board vote on final adoption of the report. The motion was seconded by Bob Sutter and passed by unanimous vote.

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Commissioner Troxler called on Dr. Coleen Hudak-Wise, Director of the Agronomics Division, to discuss the classifications of the rules contained in 02 NCAC 37 Agronomic Services.

Casey Armstrong made the MOTION to adopt the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Turner. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Troxler then called on the N.C. Forest Service to discuss the classification of the rules contained in 02 NCAC 60A, 60B and 60C.

Joe Gilroy, Administrative Services, and David Lane, State Forester, both of the NC Forest Service, came forward to discuss 02 NCAC 60A.

Sean Brogan, Forest Management and Development Director and Jason Guidry, DuPont Forest Supervisor, discussed 02 NCAC 60B.

Reid Hildreth, Division Director for Forest Protection, discussed 02 NCAC 60C, which includes changes to proscribed burning, burning permit cancellations, summoning firefighters and equipment, entry liability and forest ownership maps. Sean Brogan was called upon again to discuss 02 NCAC 60C, specifically, the nursery and tree improvement program, the cost share program, and the urban and community forest program. Mr. Brogan also notified the Board that the American the Beautiful grant program is no longer in existence.

Commissioner Troxler asked Jason Guidry how many annual visitors there were to DuPont. Mr. Guidry responded that there were approximately 450,000.

Commissioner Troxler asked Reid Hildreth to further explain burning applications and the definitions of forest lands. No other comments or questions were brought forth by the Board or the audience.

Commissioner Troxler asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding any of the NC Forest Service rules and presentations.

Tommy Burleson questioned Reid Hildreth about burning permits, continuing education, controlled burns, habitats and buffer zones. Commissioner Troxler commented on the importance of enforcing burning permits. Bob Sutter commented on the importance of canceling permits when they expire. A discussion then ensued with Commissioner Troxler and Tommy Burleson regarding public sentiment about proscribed burning.

Commissioner Troxler asked again if there were any other comments, issues or questions concerning any of the Forest rules. Nobody came forward and the Commissioner asked for a MOTION for approval on all of the Forest Service reports. Jeff Turner made the MOTION and it was seconded by Billy Johnston. The motion to accept the reports as presented passed by unanimous vote.

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Commissioner Troxler discussed the NC Ag Development Forum and the Agriculture Awareness Day events.

After the call for any last comments, Casey Armstrong addressed the Board and spoke about the horse industry and its involvement in the Ag Awareness Day.

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Having concluded the business set forth on the agenda, Commissioner Troxler called for any other business or any other comments from the public. There was no further business or comments. A MOTION was made by Bob Sutter to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Maurice Berry, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Recorded and Prepared by:

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Adopted by the Board this 22<sup>nd</sup> day

of April, 2015.



Steven W. Troxler  
Commissioner of Agriculture

Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tina Hlabse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

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Tina Hlabse  
Secretary