

Henderson County
Farmland Preservation Taskforce: July 29, 2024

The Farmland Preservation Taskforce held a meeting on July 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the King Street Meeting Room located at 100 N. King Street.

Taskforce Member	Present	Absent
Commissioner Rebecca McCall, Chair	R	
Commissioner David Hill, Chair	✓	
Hunter Marks – Planning Board	✓	
Danny McConnell – Soil & Water Conservation District		✓
Gary Steiner – NC Cooperative Extension	✓	
Jimmy Cowan – NC Farm Bureau	✓	
Joffrey Merrill – AgHC	✓	
Randy Newman – Hendersonville Board of Realtors	✓	
Jason Edney – At large	✓	
Justin Patwin – At large	✓	
Linda Pryor – At large	✓	
Alan Ward – At large	✓	
Danielle McCall – At large	✓	

Also present:

Chris Todd, Business & Community Development Director
 Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director
 Liz Hanson, Planner
 April Hoyt, Soil & Water Conservation District
 Jonathan Wallin, Soil & Water Conservation District
 Dr. Terry Kelley, NC Cooperative Extension
 Kieran Roe, Conserving Carolina
 Tom Fanslow, Conserving Carolina
 Jeffrey Darnell, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

R = attended remotely

Commissioner and Taskforce Chair David Hill called the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner and Taskforce Chair David Hill lead the invocation and pledge after the meeting was called to order.

Adjustment and Approval of Agenda:

Taskforce member Alan Ward motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Taskforce member Jimmy Cowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Lynn Williams gave a public comment regarding Farmland Preservation and the City of Hendersonville's Gen H 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

Adjustment and Approval of July 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

Taskforce member Gary Steiner motioned to approve the July 8, 2024; meeting minutes as presented. Taskforce member Randy Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Updates:

Staff shared a presentation on the Draft Amendments to Chapter 45 – Farmland Preservation, to the Taskforce. Planning Staff had previously been asked by the Taskforce to meet internally along with the Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District, Conserving Carolina, and the NC Cooperative Extension. This group met twice prior to the July 29th meeting to work on amendments to the existing Land Development Code Chapter 45. The amendments to Chapter 45 mainly included the implementation of Agricultural Conservation Easements and amendments to the existing Henderson County Agricultural Advisory Board. Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director, provided an overview of these amendments to the Taskforce. After Mrs. Radcliff's presentation, the Taskforce had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposed amendments. Representatives from the Soil and Water Conservation District, the NC Department of Agriculture, and Conserving Carolina were also present to answer questions from the Taskforce.

Discussion:

All Taskforce members shared their thoughts on the proposed amendments to Chapter 45. Staff took note of changes requested and agreed upon by the Taskforce.

The Taskforce requested that Staff incorporate their changes to the amendments into the existing Chapter 45 document for their review prior to the next Taskforce meeting. Staff mentioned that they will incorporate the changes and share with the Taskforce prior to their next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The Taskforce will meet on August 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the King Street Meeting Room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Commissioner Rebecca McCall, Chair and Commissioner David Hill, Chair
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