

**Henderson County
Farmland Preservation Taskforce: February 10, 2025**

The Farmland Preservation Taskforce held a meeting on February 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the King Street Meeting Room located at 100 N. King Street.

Taskforce Member	Present	Absent
Commissioner Rebecca McCall, Chair	✓	
Commissioner Sheila Franklin, Chair		✓
Jason Davis – Henderson County 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:

Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director
Liz Hanson, Planner I
April Hoyt, Henderson County Soil & Water
Jonathan Wallin, Henderson County Soil & Water
Dr. Terry Kelley, NC Cooperative Extension

R = attended remotely

Commissioner and Taskforce Chair Rebecca McCall called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:

Taskforce Chair Rebecca McCall led the invocation and pledge after the meeting was called to order.

Introduction of New Member:

Taskforce Chair and Commissioner McCall welcomed Jason Davis, a new taskforce member who will serve as the liaison to the Planning Board.

Adjustment and Approval of Agenda:

Taskforce member Gary Steiner motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Taskforce member Randy Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment for this meeting.

Adjustment and Approval of December 9, 2024, and February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Taskforce member Randy Newman motioned to approve the December 9, 2024, meeting minutes and February 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Taskforce member Jason Edney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 45 Ordinance Amendments Discussion

Staff presented the final Chapter 45 – Farmland Preservation Ordinance Amendments that were presented to the County Agricultural Advisory Board at their February 26, 2025, meeting. The Agricultural Advisory approved the proposed amendments as presented at their February 26, 2025, meeting. Staff noted that there have been no additional changes since the Taskforce previously discussed the ordinance amendments. After discussion, Taskforce member Randy Newman motioned to approve the Chapter 45 Ordinance Amendments as presented. Taskforce member Jason Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning staff will present the ordinance amendments to the Board of Commissioners for final approval at their April 16, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next Taskforce meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the King Street Meeting Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Commissioner Rebecca McCall, Chair
Commissioner Sheila Franklin, Chair
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