

**Henderson County
Farmland Preservation Taskforce: May 13, 2024**

The Farmland Preservation Taskforce held a meeting on May 13th, 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 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 I
 Jonathan Wallin, Soil & Water Conservation District
 April Hoyt, 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

Commissioner Rebecca McCall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Welcome & Introductions

Chairwoman Rebecca McCall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and began the meeting with taskforce member introductions. All taskforce members, resource partners, and staff support gave a brief introduction of themselves and their background and/or experience related to agriculture.

Taskforce Background

Liz Hanson, Planner I and Staff Coordinator, gave a brief presentation on the history and formation of the taskforce. Miss Hanson shared past farmland preservation efforts in the County and agricultural goals in the County’s 2020 Comprehensive Plan and 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

Taskforce Goals & Outcomes

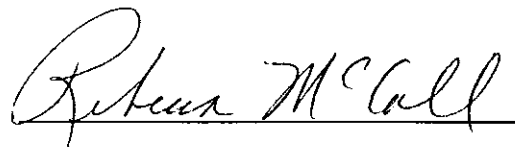
The taskforce spent most of the meeting discussing possible goals for the taskforce to accomplish. Staff noted reoccurring goals or ideas members of the taskforce mentioned. Several topics discussed included agricultural conservation easements, succession/estate planning, and farmer education. The taskforce agreed to continue working through the main goals and outcomes at future meetings. The taskforce requested staff to organize guest speakers to educate members on topics discussed at the meeting.

2024 Meeting Schedule

The taskforce discussed the proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule. The taskforce agreed to meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the King Street Meeting Room. The taskforce may also hold other meetings in addition to the set monthly meeting if necessary.

Next Meeting:

The Taskforce agreed to meet prior to the regularly scheduled June 10th meeting to discuss certain topics and listen to guest speakers. The taskforce will meet again on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street. Guest speakers will include the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and Conserving Carolina. The taskforce will also meet on June 10th at 6:00 PM in the King St Meeting Room.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca McCall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Commissioner Rebecca McCall, Chair and Commissioner David Hill, Chair
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