

**Minutes Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 16, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.
Charlotte County Administrative Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Room #B-106
Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Jones, Acting Chairman
Andy Dodd, Secretary
Chris Hencher
Dan Ryals
Matthew Sullivan, Jr.
Fred Walters
Orrin Webb

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Arnie Sarlo

GUEST

Ralph Mitchell

STAFF

Commissioner Richard Loftus
Matt Trepal, Staff Liaison
Gayle Moore, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- The **September 16, 2010**, meeting of the ***Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee*** was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by ***Acting Chairman Jones*** noting a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ***Acting Chairman Jones*** entertained a motion to approve the July 15, 2010, minutes of the ***Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee*** as written. ***Chris Hencher*** made the motion to accept the minutes as written and

seconded by *Orrin Web*. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- *Commissioner Loftus* addressed the Committee by stating it has been a pleasure and honor to serve as Commission liaison to the Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- *FDACS/IFAS Bio-fuel Feedstock Issues* – The State has released some information regarding bio-fuel feedstock such as needing permits to plant certain exotic species. As time goes on, more information will be released.
- *FDACS Update on BMP and Water Quality Issues - Acting Chair Jones* stated the commodities will need to get signed up for BMP's, so they will be protected under the "presumed to be in compliance" rule provision.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Smart Charlotte 2050 Update – Matt Trepal* advised the comp plan was sent to DCA for final review. On September 7, 2010, DCA issued their Notice of Intent and anyone wanting to challenge the comp plan has until September 29, 2010.
- *EPA/DEP Numeric Standards and Statewide Stormwater Rule Update - Acting Chair Jones* gave the Committee a brief update.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- The Committee members should have received the following information:
 - New Crop Insurance Program for Pasture, Range and Forage
 - USDA/NRCS Assistance Programs
 - The re-organizational/restructuring done with Building Construction Services; Real Estate Services, and Growth Management. The County is trying to create a one-stop place.
 - Terms Expiring – On December 31, 2010, the following member's terms will expire: Andy Dodd, Orin Webb, Arnie Sarlo, and Dan Ryals. At the next scheduled meeting if they wish to be re-appointed, they will need to submit a letter to the recording secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- *None*

STAFF COMMENTS

- *Matt Trepal* informed the Committee about the EAR process.
- *Ralph Mitchell* informed the Committee about the upcoming activities taking place in Charlotte County.
 - October 16th – Gardening Symposium
 - Working on a Alternative AG Program in March of 2011
 - December 9th – For the old Courthouse in Punta Gorda there will be a dedication and reception

MEMBER COMMENTS

- *None*

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- *Andy Dodd* stated the Committee should stay up on the activities in the Planning Department on density issues; BMP usage; and the new 2010 Comp Plan language for the wildlife corridor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- **Acting Chairman Jones** stated since there are three (3) commodity production members present, the election of officers can be held. The following action was taken:
 - **ACTION:** A motion was presented by *Chris Hencher* to nominate *Mike Jones* as Chairman. This was seconded by *Andy Dodd*. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.
 - **ACTION:** A motion was presented by *Chris Hencher* to nominate *Andy Dodd* as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by *Mike Jones*. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.
 - **ACTION:** A motion was presented to nominate *Fred Walters* as Secretary. This was seconded and a vote was called. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- **ACTION:** A motion was presented by *Mike Jones* to nominate *Wes Brumbach* of TRB Groves to replace the vacant position of Al Cheatham. This was seconded by *Matt Sullivan*. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **November 18, 2010**, at 9:00 am in Room B106.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

**Approved by the Committee on:
November 18, 2010**

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