

UNION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

Authority to Establish: Union County Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Ordinance adopted on May 7, 2001, and amended and restated on September 21, 2009.

The Union County Agricultural Advisory Board was established to implement the provisions of the Union County Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Ordinance. The Advisory Board consist of nine members appointed by the Board of Commissioners; provided however, that the number of members may be increased without amendment to the Ordinance if necessary.

Membership Requirements:

- (a) Each Advisory Board member shall be a Union County resident.
- (b) At least six of the nine members shall be actively engaged in farming.
- (c) One of the members shall be the President of the Union County Farm Bureau or his designee.
- (d) The members actively engaged in farming shall be selected for appointment by the Board of Commissioners from the names of individuals submitted to the Board of Commissioners by the Soil and Water Conservation District, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service Committee, and the Union County Farm Bureau with an effort to have the broadest geographical representation possible.
- (e) Each District shall have a member on the Advisory Board.

Members shall serve three-year terms with re-appointments permitted. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

Duties of the Advisory Board:

- (a) Review and make recommendations concerning the establishment and modification of agricultural districts;
- (b) Conduct public hearings;
- (c) Advise the Board of Commissioners on projects, programs or issues affecting the agricultural economy or activities within the County that will affect agricultural districts;
- (d) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments to the Union County Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Ordinance;
- (e) Prepare a draft of the report required by G.S. 106-743, and Article XIII of the Ordinance, giving the status, progress and activities of the County's farmland preservation program;
- (f) Study additional methods of farmland preservation and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners; and
- (g) Perform other agricultural related tasks or duties assigned by the Board of Commissioners.

Membership: The following members currently serve on the Union County Agricultural Advisory Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Steve Haigler	June 2012
Gerald Mangum	June 2012
James H. Howie	June 2012
Brad Hargett, Chairman	June 2013
Ken Pierce, Vice Chairman	June 2013
Don Kerr	June 2013
Richard Simpson	June 2014
Travis Starnes	June 2014
Hunter Latham	June 2014
Chairman Jerry Simpson (non-voting)	December 2011
Wayne Moser-Union Soil & Water Dept. Head	non-voting
Kenneth Mills-Chairman Union Soil & Water	non-voting

Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairman. A meeting shall be held at least every two months. Members will be notified.