Meeting Minutes
Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board - Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District
49 Mount Carmel Rd, Asheville, NC 28804
July 14, 2025, at 1:00 pm

Ag Advisory Board Members Present: Wayne Welch, Terri Wells, Steve Duckett, Suzy Rankin, Mark Diaz, Kyle Guie

Others Present: Ariel Zijp, Martha Ross, Jennifer Harrison, Amy Broughton, Angelica Tyler

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by Vice-Chair Wayne Welch.

Public Comment: No public comment at this time.

Approval of the July 14, 2025, Meeting Agenda

- **Steve Duckett made a motion to approve the July 14th, 2025, meeting agenda, seconded by Suzy Rankin, and the motion passed on the vote.**

Approval of the September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- **Steve Duckett made a motion to approve the September 17th, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Mark Diaz and the motion passed on the vote.**

Board Member Reports:

VAD and EVAD Applications: Provided by Mrs. Zijp. Kyle Guie recused himself from the vote since two of his properties were considered in the VAD properties being presented to the Board.

- **Steve Duckett made a motion to approve the VAD/EVAD applications, seconded by Mark Diaz and the motion passed on the vote.**

Applicant	Township	Acres	Program	Determination	Phone Number	Tax Lot PIN	Mailing Address	Address of Property	Email
Kyle Guie	Leicester	6.12	VAD	Eligible	8282002379	979321568600000-6.12 acres	11 Mount Airy Road Marshall, NC 28753	11 Mount Airy Road Marshall, NC 28753	kyle@mountainmeadowllc.com
Kyle Guie	Leicester	11.85	VAD	Eligible	8282002379	979322005000000-11.85 acres	11 Mount Airy Road Marshall, NC 28753	11 Mount Airy Road Marshall, NC 28753	kyle@mountainmeadowllc.com
Frances Montgomery	Leicester	15	VAD	Eligible	8286781205	Pin #979271486000000	336 turkey creek rd, Leicester NC 28748	99999 turkey creek rd, Leicester, NC 28748	Montgomeryskyfarm@yahoo.com
Frances Montgomery	Leicester	17.77	VAD	Eligible	8286781205	Pin #970205385200000	886 turkey creek rd, Leicester, NC 28748	99999 bob wright hill rd, Leicester, NC 28748	Montgomeryskyfarm@yahoo.com
Frances Montgomery	Leicester	11.7	VAD	Eligible	828-678-1205	Pin #970205830300000	336 turkey creek rd, Leicester, NC 28748	99999 bob wright hill rd. Leicester, NC 28748	Montgomeryskyfarm@yahoo.com
Alan Lee Hill	Candler	63.58	VAD	Eligible	828-712-1447	PIN 961604415400000	102 Pinedale Rd, Asheville, NC 28805	99999 Case Cove Rd, Candler, NC 28715	lee@buffleheadgroup.com
John R. Hill III	Weaverville	21.1	VAD	Eligible	828-712-6946	PIN 9762607095	6 Jump Cove Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787	6 Jump Cove Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787	johnhill545@gmail.com
Gary James Robets & Leisa Roberts	Alexander	70.15	EVAD	Eligible	828-779-7887	PIN - 9723551248	8 Edna Roberts Dr alexander, NC 28701	8 Edna Roberts Dr alexander, NC 28701	

	VAD Totals		EVAD Totals		VAD/EVAD Combined Totals
Totals as of July 2025	Number of Farms	321	Number of Farms	21	342
	Total Acreage	23216	Total Acreage	2258.58	25474.26
New totals for July 2025 if proposed applications are approved	Number of Farms	327	Number of Farms	23	350
	Total Acreage	23351	Total Acreage	2484.74	25835.69

Easement Project Discussion: Presented by Mrs. Zijp.

The board voted to enter closed session in accordance to: G.S. 143-318.11(a)(2)(5).

- **Terri Wells made a motion to enter closed session seconded by Kyle Guie, and the motion passed on the vote.**
- **Terri Wells made a motion to leave closed session, seconded by Wayne Welch and the motion passed on the vote.**
- **Steve Duckett made a motion accept the technical modification to the Battle Forest conservation easement proposal three, seconded by Kyle Guie. The motion passed on the vote.**

<u>Announcements & Discussions</u>

- **Steve Duckett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Diaz. The motion passed on the vote.**

With no further announcements or discussion, the meeting ended at 2:05 pm.