## Farmland Preservation Board Meeting April 18, 2013

Members Present
James Dobson, Chairman
Daniel Allen
Bobbie Williams
Donny Johnston
Charles Carter
Drew Sherrill

Staff Present Matthew Todd, Planning Alaina Dillard, Planning

Minutes: Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the 1/10/2013 meeting minutes. Ms. Williams seconded said motion and all agreed. Votes 6-0

**Proposed District 62:** Mr. Todd presented the case, the proposed District 62-1, consisting of one parcel totaling 43.310 acres owned by William Roy Swisher and located at 190 Campground Road. Mr. Todd explained that it met all the minimum standards and that it does not conflict with the land use plan and that staff recommends for approval

**Decision:** Ms. Williams made a motion to approve District 62 as presented. Mr. Carter seconded said motion and all were in favor. VOTES: 6-0

**Website:** Mr. Todd stated that he had been working to update the Farmland website on the Iredell County webpage. He stated that the website now had more information available such as listing of local farmers markets, a directory of local farms, and Farmland Preservation Board items. Mr. Todd stated that currently there are 12 local farms listed, and he would be glad to add more.

Mr. Johnston asked if the Farmland Preservation site locations were located on the site. Mr. Todd stated that the Farmland Preservation program participants were listed on the GIS maps.

Mr. Todd stated that so far he had good feedback on the new website.

Mr. Dobson stated that he would like to add local businesses that cater to the farming community to the web page. Mr. Todd stated that he would work with Nancy Keith, County Extension Director, and get the information available.

The group discussed the new state law on raw milk consumption. It was agreed upon that selling raw milk could be dangerous and until the law addresses the legal issue around it, raw milk would not be available.

The meeting was adjoined at 7:30