

**Fluvanna County
Agricultural and Forestal Districts Advisory Committee
Minutes**

*Monday May 18th, 2009
2:00 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew M. "Mel" Sheridan, Commissioner of Revenue
Henry Browning
David Haney
Laura Lee
Kent Loving

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deborah Murdock
R. Easton Loving

STAFF PRESENT:

Donald W. Weaver, BOS Representative
Darren Coffey, Planning Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Darren Coffey, Planning Director called the Agricultural Forestal Committee meeting of May 18, 2009 to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Coffey began the first meeting of the year by requesting nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Kent Loving nominated Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Haney. Mr. Sheridan was **elected** with a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Chairman Sheridan requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Haney nominated Mr. Kent Loving, seconded by Mr. Browning. Mr. Kent Loving was **elected** with a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Chairman Sheridan requested nominations for the position of Secretary. Mr. Kent Loving nominated Mr. Coffey, seconded by Mr. Haney. Mr. Coffey was **elected** with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).

APPROVED MINUTES:

Chairman Sheridan **approved** the August 30, 2005 minutes.
For official record, an Agricultural Forestal meeting was attempted on February 5, 2008 due to lack of a quorum no business was conducted.

STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICTS:

Mr. Coffey informed the committee that the Byrd Creek and Carysbrook Districts will expire July 1, 2009. A letter has been sent to the landowners and a request will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the June 3, 2009 meeting to request the districts be renewed for another 10 years.

Mr. Browning asked about the original intent of Agricultural Forestal Districts. Mr. Sheridan replied they were intended to protect landowners from more intense uses. By-right uses are allowed by law which somewhat eroded that intent.

IMPACTS ON SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Coffey asked for opinions from the committee in reference to the Special Use Permits in Agricultural Forestal Districts. He cited the Mud Bog application as a current example.

Mr. Coffey, relayed a message from Ms. Murdock, who was unable to attend, that she did not feel this Special Use Permit was appropriate in this type of district.

Mr. Browning commented being in an Agricultural Forestal District should not be the determining factor.

Chairman Sheridan mentioned that Special Use Permits are discretionary not by-right.

Ms. Lee feels land was bought for agricultural use and supplemental uses should be allowed. Landowners should derive benefits, not just costs.

Chairman Sheridan agreed with Ms. Lee.

Mr. Coffey summarized the committee's view, for the record, that just because a Special Use Permit is in an Agricultural and Forestal District it should not be a basis for denial.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Sheridan asked if the meeting time of 2pm was suitable to everyone. Everyone in attendance agreed with a 2pm meeting time.

Chairman Sheridan mentioned there are two vacancies on the committee, please think about anyone that would be interested and let Mr. Coffey know. Chairman Sheridan suggested that the committee meet at least once a year to touch base on current events.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Haney offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Loving, that the Agricultural and Forestal District Committee meeting of May 18, 2009 be adjourned at 3 p.m. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.