

**Item Title: Agricultural Advisory Board**

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**Function:** The purpose of the Agricultural Advisory Board is to promote agricultural values and the general welfare of Wake County by increasing the identity of, and pride in, the agricultural community and its way of life. The program also encourages the economic and financial health of agriculture, horticulture, and forestry through protection from non-farm development and other negative impacts on properly managed farms. The Agricultural Advisory Board oversees the Wake County Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) program, Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District (EVAD) program and Conservation Easement program.

**Special Qualifications:** This board shall oversee approving VAD and EVAD applications, as well as working to improve connections and build capacity in the agricultural community. A majority of the members of the board shall have demonstrated an interest or shown involvement in agriculture. All members should reside within Wake County.

**Meeting Schedule:** Quarterly, to be held on the first Wednesday of each quarter; September, December, March, and June

- **Agricultural Advisory Board = 6 Reappointments**
  - 6 Reappointments:
    - William Upchurch
    - Patrick Johnson
    - David Canady
    - Joanie Bowden
    - Eric Regensburger
    - Talmage Brown

**Attachments: 6**

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2. Letter of Recommendation
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