

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES) DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
) OCTOBER 20, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a Conservation Tour sponsored by the Stokes Soil and Water Conservation District on Thursday, October 20, 2005 beginning at 9:00 am with the following members present:

Chairman John Turpin
Vice-Chairman Leon Inman
Commissioner Sandy McHugh
Commissioner Joe Turpin
Commissioner Jimmy Walker

Other County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Sheriff Mike Joyce
Tom Smith - District Soil/Watershed Conservationist
Janice Pack - District Administration/Education Specialist
Sara Jo Durham - District Technician

Others in Attendance:
Rep. Bryan Holloway - NC House of Representatives
Senator Don East - NC Senate
Jim Cummings - NC Department of Agriculture
James Booth - Chairman, Stokes Soil/Water Cons. District (SWCD) Board
Willis Overby - Secretary/Treasurer, Stokes SWCD Board
Jack Nunn - Member, Stokes SWCD Board
Johnny East - Member, Stokes SWCD Board
Dede DeBruhl - District Conservationist
Jane Dobson - Soil Technician

Conservation Tour

The Conservation Tour began at 9:00 am at the Old Courthouse (Danbury) with the following stops:

Bob & Tilda Lindsay Farm

- Largest poultry producer of 7 in Stokes County - 40,000 breeders (egg layers)

James & Nancy McKinney Farm

- 1992 Conservation Farm of the Year
- 43 acres field strip-cropping
- .7 acres grassed waterways
- 1.7 acres grassed field borders
- 5.0 hay land, land smoothing

Donnie & Penny Sawyers Farm

- Stock trails & Heavy Use areas
- Stream Crossing and Fencing
- Roof Runoff Management
- Pasture & Hay land Planting

Craig & Debbie Boyles Farm

- 34 acres of strip-cropping
- 3,000 linear feet of grass waterways & critical areas
- 5,800 feet of field borders
- Crop rotations

- Marion & Kate Boyles - 1994 Conservation Farm of the Year
- Conservation-minded family for 65 years

Hunter Farm

- 125 acres no till soybeans
- Field strip-cropping
- 74 acres of flue-cured tobacco
- 5 acres burley tobacco
- ½ acre bell peppers
- 10 acres sweet potatoes

Flood Control Structure Little Yadkin #4 (Pinnacle Watershed) -Pinnacle

- Completed July 1, 1977
- One of 24 flood control structures in Stokes County
- 46 acres surface area
- approximately 3.6 miles shoreline
- largest of 18 structures in the Little Yadkin Watershed area
- 10 different landowners
- 17 parcels
- County benefits
 - Flood Control
 - Wildlife & Recreation

Pilot Mountain Vineyards, LLC - Philip Hammond - Landowner

- 30 acre tract
- First vineyard in Stokes County
- 5.5 acres (3.5 producing)
- Grossing \$6,000.00/acre

Board members received a booklet, which further outlined each site visited along with the following information:

- North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program
- USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program
- Educational Programs
- Educational Calendars
- Voluntary Agricultural Districts
- Map of Flood Control Structures in Stokes County

(a copy of the booklet will be retained by the Clerk to the Court and Stokes Soil/Water District)

The Board's tour ended with lunch provided by Soil and Water District at the Old Courthouse.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

John M. Turpin
Chairman