

**Preserve Rural Orange Board of Directors
October 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting date/time: October 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm **Location:** House of Laura Streitfeld
Present: Laura Streitfeld, Alex Castro, Jack Pless
Note taker: Jack Pless

1 Member and Officer Resignations and Elections

The resignations of Patricia Fullager and Erin Haygood were accepted with appreciation for their year of service to PRO. Both cited time constraints for wishing to resign from the steering committee.

Cliff (via email) motioned that Jack Pless and Nancy Holt be nominated for positions on the steering committee. Laura seconded. Passed unanimously. Now with Jack elected a quorum is present.

Alex was selected as treasurer and Jack was selected as secretary.

#2 June Minutes.

Laura motioned and Jack seconded the motion to approve the June 8 minutes. Accepted.

#3 By-Laws and 501(c)3 status.

Laura motioned and Cliff seconded (via email) to table discussion of PRO's status as a member versus non-member organization to a later date. Accepted.

The remainder of the by-laws pertaining to the board were accepted and PRO is now a not for profit corporation conforming to chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Henceforth the steering committee will be known as the Board of Directors of Preserve Rural Orange.

Will Bettman may be able to assist with 501(C)3 filing. Further study is required for 501(C)3 status and filing.

#4 Annual Meeting.

The need for an annual meeting was raised with no conclusive steps taken. Those present concurred that an event other than institutional housekeeping should be organized with perhaps a music performance and a follow on to active issues as well as outreach to new members.

#5 Fundraising.

Alex asked what expenses were for operations. It was determined that expenses should be assessed before fundraising needs were addressed.

At this time Laura mentioned the need for a central depository for PRO documents. All present concurred as Erin still is in possession of the initial not for profit filing with the

state. Suggestions included safe deposit boxes. Alex will check with Sun Trust to see if they offer reduced rates as PRO banks there.

#6 Waste Transfer Update.

Laura and Alex attended the 9/02/09 Orange County Commissioners meeting. Concerned groups, in addition to PRO, in attendance cited a flawed process with the county's handling of the waste issue, in part by not following county guidelines for the same.

Chapel Hill Town Council voted to not offer the Millhouse Road property to the County, nor to support the county's Paydagar property for a waste transfer site.

Alex noted that Durham County has excess capacity at their waste transfer station, and discussed whether OC would have to drum up business to warrant a waste transfer site.

7 Animal Research Facility Update.

PRO submitted a public records request on 6/11/09 for records from UNC-CH concerning the Research Resource Facility. After delays UNC said it would require payment upfront of \$ 1000 and a signed contract that PRO would pay additional costs, up to \$5000 for public records per the request. Laura and Cliff contacted Holden Thorp about access to these public records. No resolution to date.

Jack and Laura met with Dwayne Pinkney and Linda Convisor, both of whom handle UNC-CH community relations. Laura requested a public meeting with key UNC personnel involved in the planning and operation of the Research Resource Facility. Yet to be resolved.

PRO seeks a constructive dialogue with UNC stakeholders based in part on the process, touted by UNC, involving citizens, town and university in crafting the Carolina North Development Agreement.

Laura and Tom Schopler met with Jack Evans, Carolina North Executive Director and Roger Stancil, CH Town Manager on how to proceed to emulate the Carolina North model.

Alex mentioned that the two issues may not be salient in UNC's vision. UNC seems concerned about animal rights activists disrupting any public meetings. Presenting a 3-point plan to Thorp may open a dialogue.