

**Preserve Rural Orange Steering Committee
June 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting date/time: June 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm **Location:** At the house of Laura Streitfeld
Present: Patricia Fullagar, Erin Haygood, Cliff Leath, Tom Schopler, Laura Streitfeld
Note taker: Cliff Leath

#1 Public records informationWe decided to attach the information that Laura got from UNC airport public records to the minutes, without comment, and publish on the website.

#2 April minutes approval....Erin made a motion to approve and Cliff seconded.

#3 Grant applications....Laura is working with Jesse Kalisher on a possible grant application for \$30K to include photos surrounding the proposed airport, waste transfer and animal research facility.

How would we use the money? Possibly for publication, equipment (projector, DVD, etc.). This project could be used to get people to think about community activism. Take a regional approach to build awareness around these issues. Get graduate students or college students to assist with the project. **We did not reach conclusion on this issue.**

#4 Bylaws & 501C3....Erin handed out a proposal on board resolution and authorization of the creation of committees that we should take home and review and then vote by email whether to pursue or not.

#5 PRO annual meeting....We need to set a date and publish for the annual meeting.

#6 Steering committee expansion....This was a long and frank discussion. We need to ask nominees Warren Ray and Jack Pless if they would have interest in serving on the steering committee. We discussed the need to have at least 4 new members join if we are to be viable. We discussed the potential position of being first responders like minute men where we continue to function as a clearinghouse for information, and are prepared as needed, with our member list, to awaken and respond to issues that threaten our rural environs. This idea seemed to resonate with the group as a viable vision going forward. We need to get people who would volunteer to work on membership and raising money (Erin's comment).

....What should be the membership dues...What would membership get for members?

Progressive dues levels?

....Fund raisers

....Mailings

....T-Shirts

Action items are to send an email to our mailing list saying that we need a few people to enroll members and create a flyer saying that we are enrolling members. Erin to take a first stab at this.

#7 Animal research facility....Motion from Erin and seconded by Patricia for Laura to send out a request for public records to UNC Hospitals on the Animal Research Facility that was presented.