

**Jackson County Agriculture Advisory Board  
c/o Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District  
Skyland Services Center  
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May 14, 2021

Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
401 Grindstaff Cove Road  
Sylva, NC 28779

Dear Jackson County Commissioners,

At a regular meeting on May 13, 2021, the Jackson County Agriculture Advisory Board approved changing Section 5.5-Tenure of the Appendix C - REGULATED DISTRICTS - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT<sup>11</sup> Ordinance to remove the following “; provided, however, no member (other than an ex officio member) shall serve more than three consecutive full terms.” The Jackson County Agricultural Advisory Board feels like this stipulation in the ordinance hinders the Board’s ability to find and keep motivated members on the board who are passionate about keeping farmland in Jackson County.

The Agriculture Advisory Board also approved submitting the proposed Board appointments of Neil Dawson to the open District Three board seat as well as appointing Charles Fowler to Kent Cochran’s At-Large seat being vacated on June 1, 2021 and reappointing John Brown and Chet Stephens to their At-Large seats up for reappointment on June 1, 2021 pending the Commissioner’s approval of the Ordinance Change.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact Barry Stevens at (828)586-5465.

Thank you for your willingness to help preserve and protect farmland in Jackson County and for your support of this program.

Sincerely,



Barry Stevens  
Director, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District  
On Behalf of the Jackson County Agriculture Advisory Board

<b>AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD</b>		
<b><i>NAME</i></b>	<b><i>APPOINTED</i></b>	<b><i>EXPIRES</i></b>
William Shelton 500 Thomas Cove Road Whittier, NC 28789 sheltonfarms@frontier.com 828-506-0299	District One - WOODY 06-18-2019	06-07-2022
Joe Grasty 772 Blanton Branch Road Sylva, NC 28779	District Two - DEITZ 06-03-2013 06-16-2016 06-18-2019	06-07-2022
Brad Stillwell P.O. Box 24 Webster, NC 28788 828-421-9557	District Three - STRIBLING 06-20-2011 06-02-2014 06-05-2017	06-01-2020
Frank Burrell 191 Grand Oaks Lane Sylva, NC 28779 828-507-5980 fcburrell@frontier.com	District Four - JONES 04-06-2021	06-01-2023
John Brown 360 Comanche Road Cullowhee, NC 28723	At Large 05-21-2012 06-04-2015 05-21-2018	06-01-2021
Kent Cochran P.O. Box 634 Whittier, NC 28789	At Large 05-21-2012 06-04-2015 05-21-2018	06-01-2021
Chet Stephens 241 Tobacco Road Cullowhee, NC 28723	At Large 05-21-2012 06-04-2015 05-21-2018	06-01-2021
Rob Hawk Cooperative Extension 828-586-4009	Ex-Officio	Ex-Officio

7 Members (One from each District and 3 At Large)  
3 year term (No more than 3 Consecutive Terms)  
Under direction of Soil & Water  
Agricultural District Ordinance Municode Appendix C