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**AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION WORK GROUP
MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2008

1. **Attendance:** Thomas Dernoga, William Moore, Daniel Filippelli, Torben Agesen, Richard Krueger, Charles Renninger

2. **Meeting Agenda:**

I. **Approval of Minutes (March 5th)**

Minutes approved.

II. **Discussion**

- **Budget Issues/Proposals**

Chair Dernoga informed the members of the upcoming Council hearings on the County and M-NCPPC budgets. The Chair suggested that members attend the hearings and provide testimony in support of new positions which have been discussed – TDR Administrator and Agricultural Marketer – as well as the continuation of Purchase of Development Rights funding in FY09 in the M-NCPPC budget. He noted that the proposed M-NCPPC budget does not include funding for a TDR Administrator, but the Commission is looking into funding the position and support should be communicated at the budget hearing.

It was suggested that the Farm Bureau provide a position on their priorities, such as the Agricultural Grant Program/Administrator and seed money for regional agricultural facilities, and bring their priorities to the attention of the Council.

- **TDRs**

Chair Dernoga commented that staff is making progress on drafting TDR legislation; however, they are still working on certain issues such as timing of the TDR purchase – at final plat or prior to the first building permit – and the fee-in-lieu provisions.

Philip Gottwals with Agricultural and Community Development Services (ACDS) and Margaret Addis, County staff attorney briefed the work group on continuing discussions they have had concerning the TDR program and draft legislation. Ms. Addis informed the members that they have been working to develop a program which takes into consideration, to the extent possible, all of the comments received during review of CB-44-2007. Their target date for completion of a new draft is approximately three weeks.

There was general discussion concerning woodland TDRs and knowing where the market is for TDRs.

4. **Next Meeting:** April 30, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
5. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.