



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: February 4, 2025

Consent Agenda

Department:

Agriculture and Land Resources

Presenter(s):

John Hudson, Budget Director

Contact(s):

Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture and Land Resources Director
Ariel Zijp, Farmland Preservation Manager

Subject:

Move available Conservation Easement funds to Conservation Easement Administration

Brief Summary:

This Budget Amendment requests remaining funds in the amount of \$45,400 from the cancelled Harlan/Dizoff Farm Conservation Easement Project be moved to the Conservation Easements Administration project to provide additional funding for easement program due diligence. Examples of funding for easement program due diligence include: preliminary title review, legal advice, restricted use appraisals to determine estimates of easement purchase costs for potential Conservation Easement projects before they complete board approval process. This ensures the responsible and equitable use of Conservation Easement funds.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented