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ITEM NO. 2.

DATE OF MEETING: September 4, 2012

REQUESTED BY: Chairman George R. Brown

SHORT TITLE: Presentation by NC Wildlife Officer (Pender County) Clarifying State Statutes Regarding Farmers' Legal Rights to Protect Crops from Wildlife.

BACKGROUND: At the August 6, 2012 Board meeting, Mr. Owen Sewell of the Montague Community in Currie addressed the Board and asked for help concerning a farmer shooting deer in the neighborhood within close proximity of homes and other buildings. Mr. Sewell appeared and again expressed concerns at the August 20th meeting. Mr. Sewell also presented a petition with forty-two names seeking to stop the discharge of firearms in their neighborhood. Mr. Brown instructed staff to include this item on the next agenda with someone from the NC Wildlife in Raleigh to explain laws dealing with farmers' rights to protect crops and answer any questions the Board may have.