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**To:** [Jenifer Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Andrew Ofstehage Advisory Committee Application Agriculture Advisory Board  
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1. Are you 18 years or older: Yes
2. Are you in active litigation against Chatham County: No
3. Are you employed by Chatham County Government: No
4. Name (First and Last): Andrew Ofstehage
5. Residency Type: Resident of Chatham County
6. Home/Business/Property/Other Address: 206 Norwell Ln, Pittsboro, NC, 27312, USA
7. Phone Number (Home or Mobile): 6056703401
8. Email Address: alofstehage@gmail.com
9. In which Board of Commissioners district do you reside: District 2
10. Does a immediate family member currently serve on the committee: No
11. Please demonstrate your interest, experience, or expertise relevant to the subject matter of the committee: I grew up on a farm in South Dakota and studied agronomy at South Dakota State University. Following my graduation I went on to study rural development at Wageningen University and earned my PhD in Anthropology at UNC-Chapel Hill by studying agricultural change in Brazil. I have a deep interest in agriculture and an understanding of both farmers' perspectives and the perspective of conservationists and environmentalists. I want to support a rural Chatham County by supporting agricultural livelihoods with strong local markets for good food and protecting farmers from land development. Currently I work at NC State in a position that fosters international collaboration. My background in farming, along with my research background in agricultural change, and my current work at NC State give me a broad set of skills and experiences to apply to this position. I feel drawn to serve and I hope that I can do so with the Chatham County Agriculture Advisory Board.
12. Please select which board or committee you are applying to: Agriculture Advisory Board
13. Are you willing to regularly attend scheduled meetings, participate in committee activities, and comply with all applicable laws, policies, and codes of conduct: Yes
14. State Reporting (Optional) Gender: Man
15. Are you Hispanic or Latino/a/e? (Optional): No

16. What race or races do you identify with? (Optional): White

17. What is your Age Range (Optional): 35-44

18. Attachments: