

**Durham Soil and Water Conservation District
721 Foster Street
Durham, NC 27701**

Meeting Number: 06(District Meeting) Date: August 2, 2010
Meeting Number: 01(for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chair
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
Danielle Adams, Secretary/Treasurer
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Roger Hansard, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday August 2, 2010, and called to order at 5:30 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the Chairman and Vice Chairman being present.

1. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Danielle Adams to accept the financial statement Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the minutes. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

2. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** –Danielle Adams reported that Sarah Bruce brought to her attention that Soil & Water was not included in House Bill 1765. Adams is in the process of drafting a resolution to have Soil & Water added to House Bill 1765. Adams will bring the resolution to the next board meeting for approval.

 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported that Debra Lufkin is the new chair of the EAB and they now have a whole new committee. The EAB is still working on the banning of plastic bags in Durham. The EAB now has a new Environmental Lawyer on board.

 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Lisa Marochak reported that since the last meeting they have had 4 plans and all were adequate as follows: GE Aviation Building repair station 2; 9 Davis Drive Demolition; Merck QO Lab Project; Eagles Mart.

Agricultural Cost Share Program- Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- Has a request for payment for R. Thomas Veasey on Ag contract # 32/09/08/09. The request for payment using drought funds is for a well & pump in the amount of \$3,998. The request fro payment was signed on 6/29/10 by the chairman. A motion was made by Daniel Adams to approve the request for payment of \$3,998 to R. Thomas Veasey on contract #32/09/08/09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

D. CCAP – Watershed Conservationist, Mike Dupree on the following:

- Has a request for payment for 32/10/506/15 for Adrienne Fox on a 101sqft Rain Garden for \$322. The Chairman signed the request for payment on 7/8/10. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the \$322 request for payment for contract # 32/10/506/15. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has a request for payment for 32/10/505/09 for Catherine Hart on a 90sqft Rain Garden for \$356. . A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the \$356 request for payment for contract # 32/10/505/15. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has a contract cancellation for 32/10/510/09 for Watts Street Baptist Church. The bioretention design and location did not meet City zoning codes so church asked to cancel contract. The contract amount was for \$8,152 (CWMTF). A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the cancellation of Contract #32/10/510/09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

E. Administrative Officer– Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **501(c) 3** – Discussed the need for Durham SWCD to get their own 501(c) 3 number. Marochak is going to get some quotes on the cost of getting a 501(c) 3 number, and bring it back to the September board meeting.

F. Environmental Education- Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **Envirothon Teams** – Jennifer Brooks is in Fresno, CA attending the North American Canon Envirothon with the Vicious Vipers Team from Durham. The Envirothon competition will be held August 1st- August 6th.
- **Food, Land & People Workshop-** This years Annual FLP Workshop will be offered on August 11th & 12th.
- **Field Days-** This year we will hold field days for 3rd graders, October 12th & 13th at the District land in Bahama.
- **Big Sweep** – October 2nd is the official Big Sweep Clean-up Day. In the past the district board has provided a Big Sweep t-shirt to the team captains at a cost of \$10 per t-shirt. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to provide each team captain with a t-shirt at a cost of \$10 per shirt. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **RCW** – In June Durham SWCD sponsored 1 student (Ryan Sutton) to attend the RCW at NCSU. Ryan is a student at NC School of Science & Math. Sutton received a \$100 scholarship for placing 3rd overall on the test.
- **Strategic meeting-** Staff and Supervisors are invited to attend a meeting planned for August 31st at 10am in the Durham SWCD conference room to explore options for development of the Dr. Marie Roberts Environmental Education Center.
- **Chair of Durham School** – Danielle Adams reported that Jennifer Brooks and she will be meeting with the Chair of Durham’s School Board to discuss all of the Environmental Education trainings we have to offer Durham Public Schools.

H. Durham Farmland Protection- Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- **Farmers Market-** Discussed the idea of a possible 2nd farmers market.
- **Next meeting-** The next meeting date is scheduled for September 16th at 8am.

I. Stream Restoration – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- **Stirrup Iron Creek**
 - Received grant for design and permitting for \$107,500 this grant was originally for \$136,000. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to enter into an agreement with CWMTF for \$107,500. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Sandy Creek- Phase V-** a motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to enter into an agreement with CWMTF for \$253,000. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Jordan Lake** – Has meeting on august 24th with DWQ and Duke University to discuss nutrient reductions in Jordan Lake watershed.

J. Area Coordinator- No report- Steve Bennett not present

K. Falls Lake Watershed Rules – Mike Dupree reported that that public can make comments on the proposed Falls Lake Rules until August 16th. Dupree presented to the board a draft letter that the staff wrote up. The board made some suggested changes to the letter. The letter will be sent to DWQ prior to the deadline date.

L. NRCS Report –Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** –Matt Kinane has been very busy over the past couple of weeks writing Conservation Plans. Eddie Culberson presented 13 Conservation Plans for the Conservation Reserve Program (Gail D. Rodgers- contract 26 for 2.2 acres & contract 27 for 24.3 acres; W.D. McFarland- contract 29 for 67.2 acres & contract 39 for 256.4 acres; John M. Jones- contract 42 for 7.7 acres; David M. Miles- contract 47 for 22.0 acres; Mary Ruth Scott Webster- contract 54 for 12.2 acres and contract 55 for 6.4 acres and contract 56 for 9.5 acres; Francis Gail Tremmel- contract 63 for 3.7 acres. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve all 13 contracts as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

M. Director's Report – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- **Wayne Williams-** July 29th was the last day at work for Forest Ranger Wayne Williams. Williams got hurt on the job a couple of years ago and was unable to perform his job duties anymore.
- **DEW-** The staff will be attending the District Employees Workshop the week of August 15th in Waynesville, NC.

3. New Business:

- **Commissioner Breakfast-** Eddie Culberson brought up the idea of having a commissioner breakfast some time in the fall to review Annual Report/projects. The board thought this was a great idea. Culberson will come up with some possible dates and bring them back to the next board meeting.
- **Zoning Map Change- 751 Assemblage** – Danielle Adams reported that she thinks the board should write a letter to the BOCC letting them know the board opposes the request to change the zoning Map-751 Assemblage. Danielle Adams will draft a letter and send it out to the board for approval.

4. Adjourn: The chairman adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Next Meeting: September 8th at 5:00pm

Talmage Layton

Chairman

Robert Rosenthal

Vice Chairman