

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 10(District Meeting) Date: December 11, 2009
Meeting Number: 05(for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Watershed Conservationist
Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Friday December 11, 2009, and called to order at 12:50 pm by the chair. The meeting was held at the Ole' NC Bar-B-Que Restaurant, the chairman and vice chairman being present.

1. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the Financial Statement and approve the minutes. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Jennifer Brooks reported that she attended the last Falls Lake meeting and at that meeting they handed out a draft copy of the Falls Lake Watershed Rules for AG. They are asking for the public to make comments on the Falls Lake Watershed Rules by December 23rd.
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported that they have a lot of new members on the EAB board. The EAB is going to have a retreat for their board members to try and reorient the new chair and others. Rosenthal reported that the EAB wrote a letter of support for the Farmland Plan at their November Board Meeting.
 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Eddie Culberson reported that since the last meeting they have had 1 plan and it was adequate as follows: Duke Medicine Pavilion and Cancer Center- Trent Drive
 - D. **Agricultural Cost Share Program** – No new business
 - E. **CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist, Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
 - At the October month she reported that she had 1 contract cancellation for contract # 32/09/501/09 on a cistern. The Division has since contacted Brooks stating that they need this cancellation in the form of a letter. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the Chair to write a letter to the division cancelling the contract. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Has a contract cancellation for a rain garden on contract # 32-08-504-09. \$640.00 will be released back to the Durham District's CWMTF allocation. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the

Chair to write a letter to the Division cancelling the contract. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- Has 1 Application for Assistance that needs to be approved. The application is for assistance on a diversion and grass swale. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application for assistance on 32/10/501/15. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 contract that needs to be approved. The contract is for a diversion & grass swale. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve contract # 32/10/501/15 Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 Application for Assistance on pet waste receptacles with the City of Durham/Public Works. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Application for Assistance on 32/10/508/15. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 contract that needs to be approved. The contract is for Pet Waste receptacles at a 20% cost share rate. The total amount is \$997 on contract # 32/10/508/15. A motion was made to Robert Rosenthal to approve contract # 32/10/508/15. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 Application for Assistance on 2 cisterns for SEEDS. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the application for assistance on contract # 32/10/509/09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 contract that needs to be approved. The contract is for 2 cisterns in the amount of \$3,676. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve contract #32/10/509/09 pending signature of owner. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **Annual Meeting**- The annual meeting will be held January 3-5 at the Raleigh Convention Center. The District of the Year award will be given out at Monday night Education Dinner. The Urban Conservationist Award will be given Tuesday morning.
- **Gator Raffle**- Please turn in all Gator raffle tickets to Lisa no later than December 23rd.
- **DEA Membership**- DEA membership renewal is due by December 31st. The cost is \$10 for 1 year or \$25 for a 3 year membership.
- **Accountant** – Would like the District Board to hire someone to look at the district books. District board said they would look into this.

G. Environmental Education- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Big Sweep**- Jennifer Brooks reported that she is a NC Big Sweep Board member and would like the board to support NC Big Sweep. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart for the board to support NC Big Sweep by becoming a Patron Member for \$100.
- **Envirothon Teams** – is in need of 25 Biltmore sticks at a cost of approximately \$2 each. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve for the staff to purchase 25 Biltmore sticks. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

H. Durham Farmland Protection- Jennifer Brooks reported that the Farmland Plan was presented to the Board of County Commissioners that their December 7th Work Session and seemed to be well received by all. The plan will go to the Board of County Commissioner Meeting on December 14th at 7pm for adoption of the Farmland Plan.

Eddie Culberson reported that the Carrington Farm was resubmitted this year for funding through the State NCDA; ADFP Trust Fund program. The Farmland Board is looking into submitting an application to the FRPP (Federal Program) in the spring.

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

- 1) **CWMTF Grant Amendment (Unnamed Tributary to Stirrup Iron Creek)** - Have 4 agreements that need to be signed today. When we got our letter from CWMTF initially we started to work on the project and Governor Perdue pulled the funds this year. \$15,000 was spent on this project prior to the funds being pulled so CWMTF is going to pay the \$15,000 and that is what the 4 agreements are for.

A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the District Board to enter into the agreement with CWMTF on the Stirrup Iron Creek Project. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. CWMTF has plans to pick up the remaining money on this project for the design and permitting on this agreement as well as the design and Permitting on Phase 5 of Sandy Creek.

- 2) **Ryke Longest-** The Riverkeeper has been over to talk with Ryke Longest who works with Duke Law for the Nicholas School of Environment. Ryke Longest used to work for the Soil & Water Commission. Ryke Longest wrote a letter on November 13 addressed to Coleen Sullins at DWQ in reference to a stream restoration project the District is conducting on a portion of Lick Creek and a proposed sewer easement prepared by Lick Creek Utility, LLC. The facts of the stream restoration project were distorted and furthermore not pursued. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for Chairman Talmage Layton to write a letter to Coleen Sullins stating the actual facts. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2) **Innovative Stormwater Project-** Received agreement from the Innovative Stormwater Project with Duke University. We received the \$490,000. We have a signed agreement from the trustees Chairman.
- 3) **RN Harris** –Randy Tant who works with the School Maintenance Department informed Eddie Culberson that had some issues with the project that needed to be worked out. Ray Eurquhart, the contractor, project engineer, Durham County Public School system and Eddie Culberson met on 12/10 to discuss and iron out the issues. Ray Eurquhart reported that the School Board would like to hold a special gathering at the school so that the engineer can have a chance to educate the citizens about the project.

J. NRCS Report - Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist reported on the following:

- **EQIP/WHIP** – The EQIP and WHIP application period has been set for January 15, 2010.
- **Local Work Group Committee-** Would like to thank the Durham District for hosting the local work group committee meeting this morning.
- **Tilley Easement** – The Farm and Ranchland Protection Program is going through with the closing on the Tilley Easement next week. Matt Kinane reported that he has done an update on the Tilley Conservation Plans because they needed certification.
- **Personnel Changes with NRCS-** Matt gave an update on all of the personnel changes that have or will be taking place within NRCS.

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

- **Bobby Roberts Easement update** – We had a monitoring request a while back to do monitoring on Bobby Roberts Easement. Diana Teten with Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association has received \$7,500 from UNCWI that they can pay the District to monitor the Easement if the district is willing to do so. Culberson reported that the District will be responsible for writing the easement. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the District to be paid \$7,500 for monitoring of the Easement for life. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4. **New Business:**

A. Election of new officers- There being no further nominations Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart made a motion by acclamation to keep the officers the same. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

5. **Adjourn:**

The chairman adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting: February 1, 2010 at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton

Chairman

Robert Rosenthal

Vice Chairman