

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

Meeting Number: 10(District Meeting) Date: December 6, 2010
Meeting Number: 05(for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Danielle Adams, Secretary/Treasurer
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
Kathryn Spann, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Soil Conservationist/EE Coordinator
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist
Matthew Kinane – NRCS- District Conservationist

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday December 6, 2010, and called to order at 5:40 pm by the Vice Chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the Vice Chairman was 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 on the following:
 - Last meeting was held December 1st
 - A subcommittee will be formed between now and January 19th to discuss forming a new organization or not.
 - A special meeting will take place in February
 - **Resolution-Falls Lake Watershed Association seat-** Eddie Culberson reported that Danielle Adams did a great job presenting the Falls Lake Resolution at the Area IV Fall meeting on November 18th. The Resolution passed at the fall meeting and will not be voted on at the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation District’s Annual Meeting in January.

 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
 - EAB met twice since the last Soil & Water Board Meeting.
 - Plastic bag ban- probably will not happen now
 - EAB has been given the task along with the Joint City/County Planning to make a recommendation how the city should define its normal pool of reservoirs.

 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 2 plans and they both were adequate as follows: Duke University Multi-Purpose Field House and Thompson Ridge-Sales Trailer

D. Agricultural Cost Share Program- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Request for payment** – 1 request for payment for Kelly Hamilton for contract # 32-09-15-09 for \$3,762 for a well & pump. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for Kelly Hamilton for \$3,762. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Request for payment** – 1 request for payment for Shelia Roberts for contract # 32-09-07-09 for \$5,559 for a well & pump. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment for Shelia Roberts for \$5,559. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Kathryn Spann excused herself from the room so the board could discuss her application/contract

- **Application for Assistance-** 1 application for assistance for Kathryn Spann & David Krabbe on a cropland conversion to grass for contract # 32-11-03-09. This is a repair to contract #32-07-05-09. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application for Assistance for Kathryn Spann & David Krabbe. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract** – has 1 contract for Kathryn Spann & David Krabbe for cropland conversion to grass for contract # 32-11-03-09 in the amount of \$8,719. This is a repair to contract #32-07-05-09. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve contract #32-11-03-09 in the amount of \$8,719. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Amendment-** 1 amendment request for Ellen Ziemer, contract # 32-11-04-09. The Conservation Plan of Operation should be amended to read: Waste Application System & A cap of \$10,500 for this contract. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the amendment to contract 32-11-04-09 as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract Void-** 1 contract expired on December 2nd for Patricia Byrd. The contract # is 32-09-04-09 for a well. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to accept the notice of contract void for contract #32-09-04-09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- Has 1 request for payment for John Poteat, contract #32-10-503-15 on a diversion for \$719.00. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment for \$719.00 on #32-10-503-15 as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for George Watts PTA, contract #32-10-504-09 on a cistern for \$1,709.00. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment for \$1,709.00 on #32-10-504-09 as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for Mary Jo Bulbrook, contract #32-11-505-09 on a rain garden for \$2,179.00. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment for \$2,179.00 on #32-11-505-09 as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Mike Dupree submitted a request for approval from the Durham Soil & Water Board for him to submit CCAP Job Approval Authority (JAA) from the Division for the two BMP's Back Yard Rain Gardens & cisterns. Mike has designed 5 projects and is submitting three for JAA Cisterns. Mike has also designed six projects and is submitting three for JAA rain gardens. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the CCAP JAA request as presented. Curtis Richardson 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 9-11th in Asheville, NC. The Main hotel is booked up but the overflow hotel still has a couple of rooms.

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

- **Food, Land & People (FLP)** - Jennifer Brooks and Lisa Marochak will finish up the second day of the FLP training at Southern High School tomorrow.

H. Durham Farmland Protection- Kathryn reported on the following:

- **Ordinance**– subcommittee of the Farmland Board will meet to explore the Ordinance of the board on December 9th after the regular board meeting
- **Workshop**- Board is planning a Farmland workshop on February 12th at Bahama Ruritan.
- **Board Retreat**- Board is planning a retreat that will take place on January 22nd.

- **Ranking Subcommittee**- Eddie Culberson reported that the ranking subcommittee met on December 1st to discuss 4 potential farms. The subcommittee will present their recommendations to the Farmland Board on December 9th.
- **Next meeting**- The next meeting date is scheduled for December 9th at 8am.

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

- **Sandy Creek Annabranching Project**
 - ❖ Contractors are scheduled to start tomorrow.
- **CWMTF (Clean Water Management Trust Fund)**
 - ❖ The CWMTF field rep. for our county is coming next Monday to look at some of our projects.

J. Watershed Rules – Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- Next Falls Watershed Stake holders meeting on monitoring is scheduled for December 15th 1:00pm-3:30pm.
- Registration for Ag producers will begin on January 15th
- Still working on 319 grant- will submit in spring

K. NRCS Report –Matt Kinane reported on the following:

- **WRP (Wet Land Reserves Program)** – Applications are due by December 17th
- **EQIP, WHIP, Beginning Farmer, Socially Disadvantaged & Long Leaf Pine**– Applications are due by January 14th
- **Organic Pool**- Application deadline has not yet been determined.
- **Roll out Programs for NRCS**- Matt will be attending this training on Tuesday & Wednesday.
- **CRP**- Since the last board meeting there has been 1 CRP contract in Durham. Matt is in the process getting the contract approved.

L. Area Coordinator- Steve Bennett reported on the following

- **Pond Workshop**- will be held at the Wake Extension Building on November 22nd
- **Budget**- is up in the air right now. There may be a 12% or even 15% budget cut across the state.

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

- **Duke Diet Center**-
 - Working on stormwater project geared towards Duke Diet Center Property. Culberson stated that Ray Eurquhart has been in contact with City regarding funds for watershed assessment. Culberson will meet with UNRBA intern Jessica Allen to hear results of watershed model that Ms. Allen ran.
- **NCASWCD** –
 - **Legislative Committee**- Ben Knox, NCASWCD Legislative Committee Chair, has requested Culberson to speak to Committee at the Annual Meeting in January regarding how Durham SWCD handles easement monitoring.
 - **Outstanding Employee of the Year**- Congratulations to Lisa for winning the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts “Outstanding Administrative Employee of the Year”. This award will be presented to Lisa at the NCASWCD Annual meeting in January.

3. New Business:

- **Supervisor Oath of Office** – Ray Eurquhart & Robert Rosenthal will be given the Oath of Office at the next Board of County Commissioner meeting on Monday, December 13th at 7pm.

4. Adjourn: The chairman adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Next Meeting: February 7th at 5:30pm

Robert Rosenthal
Vice Chairman