

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

Meeting Number: 1(District Meeting) Date: February 7, 2011
Meeting Number: 06(for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday February 7, 2011, and called to order at 5:31 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the Chairman and Vice Chairman were present.

1. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the financial statement Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal 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:
 - Missed last meeting (January) due to scheduling conflict.
 - The New rules indicate that a new organization will not be formed; going to stay with UNRBA.
 - Next meeting scheduled for 2/9 to vote on by-laws

 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
 - EAB met once since the last Soil & Water Board Meeting.
 - 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.
 - Heard report from City on their rain gardens program they will be doing over the next couple of years. A total of 44 rain gardens for \$144,000 will be done.
 - Working on updating the Commute Trip Reduction Ordinance since the City’s ran out in 2010

 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 9 plans and all were adequate as follows: Treyburn Walking Trails - Phase III; United Therapeutics; Valley Creek Center; Jubilee Christian Church- International; Westpoint at 751-offsite road improvement; Silicon Campus Northside; Carillon Durham; Ellington Place-1; Brightleaf Apartments-Tract III

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

- **Contract cancelation** – 1 contract cancelation request for David Falk for contract # 32-11-01-09 for \$1,500 for a well closer. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept notice of contract void for \$1,500. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for assistance** – 1 Application for Assistance for Neil Frank for contract # 32-11-06-09 for fencing and alternate watering supply. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application for Assistance on fencing and alternate watering supply. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Ag Cost Share funds balance-** There is \$17,277 available until the end of June

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

- Has 1 request for payment for John Poteat, contract #32-11-509-15 on a diversion for \$116.00. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment for \$116.00 on #32-11-509-15 as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for Betsy Barton, contract #32-11-502-09 on a 426 sq ft rain garden for \$600.00. Chairman Talmage Layton signed the request on December 8th. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for \$600.00 on #32-11-502-09 as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for Mary Jo Bulbrook, contract #32-11-505-09 on a 215 sq ft rain garden and a 550 gal cistern for \$2,065.00. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment for \$2,065.00 on #32-11-505-09 as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for Jordan Capps, contract #32-11-503-15 on 155 sq ft. rain garden and 500 gal Cistern for \$1,679.00. Chairman Talmage Layton signed the request in December. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for \$1,679.00 on #32-11-503-15 as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for FEELC, contract #32-11-504-15 on 1 cistern for \$1,818.00. Chairman Talmage Layton signed the request prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for \$1,818.00 on #32-11-504-15 as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Have 1 request for payment for Alan Ellis, contract #32-11-506-09 on 112 sq ft rain garden and 300 gal Cistern for \$1,120.00. Chairman Talmage Layton signed the request in December. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for \$1,120.00 on #32-11-506-09 as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for John Grant, contract #32-11-507-15 on 1 2800 gal cistern for \$3,343.00. Chairman Talmage Layton signed the request in December. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for \$3,343.00 on #32-11-507-15 as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 request for payment for Creek Side PTA, contract #32-11-508-15 on 1 1000 gal cistern and critical area planting for \$3,237.00. Chairman Talmage Layton signed the request in December. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for \$3,237.00 on #32-11-508-15 as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 1 Application for Assistance for Alton/Kelly on a 186 sq ft rain garden. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Application for Assistance on as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 1 Application for Assistance for Todd Patton on critical area planting on the slopes of the stream bank and installation of rip rap. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Application for Assistance on as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 1 Application for Assistance for Christine Greenburg on a grassed swale. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Application for Assistance on as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 1 Application for Assistance for Kestrel Heights School on critical area planting. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Application for Assistance on as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **Annual Meeting** – Thanked Danielle Adams and Robert Rosenthal for attending the Annual Soil & Water Meeting that was held in Asheville January 9-12.
- **Spring Meeting**- The Area IV Spring Meeting will be held February 24th in Rocky Mount. The cost is \$25 per person. Please let Lisa know no later than Wednesday 2/15 if you are planning to attend.
- **Awards Banquet**- The board set the date for Thursday, June 2nd.
- **Pond Clinic**- Staff will come up with a date for the Pond Clinic and email the board.

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

- **Big Sweep Dues** – received invoice for Big Sweep dues. The cost is \$100 for the year. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to pay \$100 in Big Sweep dues. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Envirothon** – This year we have 2 Middle School teams and 12 High School teams. The Envirothon will be held March 25th at Johnston Soil & Water
- **Poster Contest** – The district competition will be held on February 23rd in the Durham Soil & Water Conference Room. We are in need of snacks for the judges. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to allow staff to spend up to \$50 on snacks for the judges. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Resolution 8**- Jennifer Brooks and Lisa Marochak thanked Danielle Adams for helping to get this resolution passed at the Annual Meeting.
- **Wonders of Wetlands (WOW)** - Will be held June 22nd-23rd at Duke. Jennifer Brooks and Lisa Marochak will be getting certified as WOW Facilitators at this workshop.

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

- **Workshop**- Board is planning a Farmland workshop on February 19th at Bahama Ruritan. The theme for the workshop is “Opportunities on the Farm”.
- **Board Retreat**- The board held a Farmland Board retreat on January 22nd at the new Farm Bureau Building. At the retreat the program was ran by a facilitator that graciously provided his time pro bono. The Farmland Board & staff came up with an outline of what they would like to see done over the next year.
- **Easement Program**- Two farms were approved by the board and submitted to the State and federal Programs (Pee Wee Harris & Krabbe/Spann Farm)
- **Next meeting**- The next meeting date is scheduled for March 17th at 8am.

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

- **R.N. Harris Project**
 - ❖ Had \$10,000 left in plant material funds that just got planted
 - ❖ Trying to get the teachers at the school too utilize the project in their teachings.
- **Sandy Creek Phase 5**- (Clean Water Management Trust Fund)
 - ❖ 6,000 feet (Stream Restoration)
 - ❖ 1.1 million
 - ❖ Duke University will donate easement
 - ❖ Tours will be lined up this fall and next week the board walk and signs should go up
- **Stirrup Iron Creek**
 - ❖ Clean Water Management Trust Fund \$530,730 (Stream Restoration will take place prior to the development going in)
- **Southern High School**
 - ❖ Stormwater Management
 - Division of Water Resources \$200,000 design & permitting
 - Clean Water Management Trust Fund \$856,000 bioretention basin, rain gardens & 2 cisterns (underground)
 - NIFA grant \$34,000
- **Duke Diet Center**
 - ❖ Building not in bad shape

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

- **WOC meeting**-Mike Dupree and Eddie Culberson attended the Jordan Watershed Oversight Committee meeting on January 26th. Mike discussed some of the nutrient reduction credits for agriculture producers that the WOC is working on. The WOC is in the process of preparing a report that has to go to the EMC by July 1st.
- **319 Grant**- applying for a 319 Grant in the Jordan Area (\$82,000 for 4 part time interns). The interns will be used to help assist with the workload that the new rules will have.
- **Work Load Analysis**- Kelly Ibrahim will be meeting with Eddie Culberson on February 15th to do a work load analysis of Mike's position.
- There is another 319 Grant opportunity with USGS to help with upper watershed monitoring in the Falls Lake Watershed.

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

- **EQIP, WHIP**– batching period has closed
- **Organic Pool**- Application deadline March 4th
- **CRP**- 1 CRP contract in Durham was completed. Next sign up period is March 14th – April 14th.
- **FSA**- Landowners need to make sure they stay in contact with the FSA office

L. State Conservationist- JB Martin reported on the following

- **Budget**- discussed the projected budget cuts for NRCS.
- **ACES Program**- This program is being eliminated and replaced with another program
- **JAA**- Will support district employees in obtaining Job Approval Authority

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

- **Supervisor Training**-
 - ❖ The new Supervisor Training will be held at the Institute of Government February 15-16th
- **County Budget**–
 - ❖ 2.3 million shortfall
 - ❖ Asked to cut 2% from our overall budget or 12% from our operating budget
 - ❖ Budget hearings will be held March 15th-30th

3. New Business:

- **Election of Officers** – There being no further nominations Supervisor Ray Eurquhart made a motion by acclamation to keep the officers the same. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Leadership Initiative**- Eddie Culberson discussed an opportunity for district supervisors to serve on the Leadership Training Initiative. Application deadline is Friday, February 11th.
- **Minority Conference**- A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart for the board to pay \$50 for Danielle Adams to attend the Minority Banquet on Friday February 25th. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4. Adjourn: The chairman adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Next Meeting: March 7th at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton

Chairman

Robert Rosenthal

Vice Chairman