

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 05 (District Meeting)      Date: July 11, 2011  
Meeting Number: 01 (for State reporting purposes)

#### Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman  
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman  
Danielle Adams, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ray Eurquhart, 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  
Teena Cousey, NRCS Intern  
Marvin Williams, Director-City Public Works  
John Cox- City Public Works

*The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday July 11, 2011, and called to order at 5:29 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 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:
    - Today the UNRB sent out the request for proposal in regards to monitoring in the watershed.
  - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
    - EAB approved to continue with the Appearance Commission contract and to continue with the Sustainability Award.
    - Closing in on our final recommendations for the level of the lakes for zoning purposes
    - A lot of stuff was put on hold until the next meeting
  - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 2 plans and both were adequate as follows: Durham Academy and Durham Place
  - D. **Agricultural Cost Share Program**- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
    - **Request for Payment**- Has 1 request for payment on contract #32-11-06-09. The request for payment is for livestock exclusion and alternate watering system \$9,276. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for the Neil Frank contract 32-11-06-09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
    - **Application Amendment**- Need to amend contract 32-11-08-09 for Dead Brook Farm. The amendment is to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> landowner. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the contract amendment as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
    - **Contract Cancellation**- Have 1 contract cancellation for Milton Gaynard on contract #32-10-04-09 for grassed waterway. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the contract cancellation as

presented for contract #32-10-04-09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **Contract Cancellation-** Have 1 contract cancellation for Paul Adcock on contract #32-11-05-09 for a pond restoration. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the contract cancellation as presented for contract #32-11-05-09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Division-** The Division of Soil & Water received two 319 grants. Durham SWCD will be receiving a portion of both of the grants. One of the grants will be for horse farms in the Falls Lake area and the other grant will be for the Jordan watershed.

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

- **Request for Payment-** Has 1 request for payment on contract #32-11-515-09. The request for payment is for a 2,100 gallon cistern for \$2,284. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment as presented for the CRA contract 32-11-515-09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for Crawford for a 300 Gallon cistern on contract # 32-12-501-09. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for Rooney for Streambank Stabilization on contract # 32-12-502-09. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for Stirrup Iron Creek HOA for Impervious Surface on contract # 32-12-503-09. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- **New ranking form-** Mike Dupree passed out a copy of the new 2012 CCAP ranking form. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to accept the changes to the new form. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Cap-** Staff suggested that the board may want to consider putting a cap on the dollar amount for the CCAP contracts. Danielle made a motion to table this idea until the next board meeting. Danielle would like Mike Dupree to provide the board with a copy of the average cost per CCAP BMP by the next meeting. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **New Contacts-**
  - 1.) Have 23 new client contracts that have expressed interest
- **Additional Funds-** Sent an email to Shelly Baird with the Division of Soil & Water requesting additional funds information.

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

- **Rain Barrels-** The District received a grant to install a butterfly garden and walking trails on the district land. We are planning to start work on the butterfly garden in September and plant in October. Since there is no watering source on the land the staff would like the board to donate two rain barrels to place on the district land. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the District Board to donate two rain barrels to use on the District land. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**G. Environmental Education-**

- **Canon Envirothon-** Jennifer Brooks reported that she will be attending the Canon Envirothon in Canada the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **4H Camp and WOW –**Lisa Marochak reported that Wetland of Wonders Teachers Workshop that was sponsored by Durham Soil & Water and the Duke Wetland Center was a success.
- **Resource Conservation Workshop-** Danielle Adams reported that she was a camp counselor at the RCW workshop the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Over 80 students from NC attended the week long workshop. Danielle reported that the kids really liked the Soil & Water Day the best. Area IV paid for her room and food so she did not need the food allowance the board had given her.

- H. Durham Farmland Protection-** Mike Dupree and Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- **Farmers Market-** Mike Dupree sent an email to the planning department but he has not heard back from them.
  - **Last Meeting** – canceled
  - **BETC Program-** Mike Dupree reported that the Experiment Station portion of the BETC Program was accepted by the School of Math and Science and will be implemented in the coming school year.
  - **Next Farmland meeting-** Lisa Marochak reported that the next meeting date is scheduled for July 21st at 8am.
- I. Stream Restoration** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **Sandy Creek ‘Anabranching’ Project-** Baker Engineering installed plywood weirs and they broke during a big storm a couple of weeks ago. Eddie Culberson contacted Baker about replacement of the weirs but they said they would install metal braces to the weirs because they do not have funds budgeted for replacing them.
- J. Watershed Rules** – Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- **319 Grant-** applied for two 319 grants in May 2011. Found out early June that the grants were not approved. The board agreed to solicit the County Commissioners for funds to support the two grants we didn’t receive.
    - ❖ \$87,870 was requested for interns and starting a nutrient management education program and cistern micro irrigation feasibility study.
      - There were no funds available for the 319 base grants.
    - ❖ \$263,160 was requested for BMP installation \$120,000 and \$136,000 for USGS Monitoring. \$7,160 was requested for travel, etc.
      - We were not asked for an interview on this grant proposal but will try again next year.
  - **Falls Lake Registration Form-** Mike Dupree passed out a copy of the Falls Lake Brochure for Ag producers to sign-up. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the changes made to the form. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - **Voluntary Nutrient Reduction Program-** passed out a draft copy of the Nutrient Reduction Program brochure. The board suggested that Mike add a sign-up sheet on the brochure
  - **Falls Monitoring Group-** next meeting set for August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at TGCOG.
- K. NRCS Report** –Matt Kinane reported on the following:
- **USDA Conservation Programs-** The 2011 batching periods for EQIP, WHIP, CSP, FRPP and AWEP have all closed for FY-2011. However, applications for all programs are accepted continuously.
  - **EQIP Contract Funding**– Two EQIP applications were approved and funded in Durham County. Both of the contracts were funded under the Organic Initiative. \$12,416 was obligated to the two contracts for James McKenzie and A. Evan Hughes.
  - **Local Work Groups (LWG)** - The Durham SWCD has scheduled a LWG Meeting for Thursday July 14, 2011 at 8am at the Durham SWCD office for Fiscal Year 2012 conservation programs. The purpose of the Local Work Group is to identify the resource concerns in Durham County.
  - **Conservation Reserve Program (CSP)** - Six Applications for Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-up were accepted by USDA Farm Service Agency. NRCS staff is currently working on the conservation plans and contract documents.
  - **Conservation Compliance-** NRCS will be conducting checks for several tracts in Durham County. The field office is given a list of tracts to conduct the compliance reviews. Tracts are selected randomly from a national data base. Additional tracts may be added at the local level. NC has established Conservation Compliance Teams for each Administrative Area.
  - **USDA Program Changes-** A big change for the 2012 sign-up for Conservation Programs is the requirement of applications to have an existing up-to-date conservation plan.

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

- **New Supervisor-** Michael Palmer is the interim Deputy County Manager. Palmer is taking the place of Wendell Davis. Michael Palmer will be coming to our department on July 14th at 1pm. We are planning to give him an overview of our office and then take him out to see some of the project/BMP's.
- **Becky Heron-** County Commissioner Becky Heron will be stepping down effective August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **FAB Lab-** The FAB Lab will be returning to the Piedmont Area for 6-8 months at the end of the month. If you are interested in using the FAB Lab please contact the Piedmont RC&D Council.
- **NE Central Durham Project-** The Clean Energy Durham Project is now complete.

**3. New Business:**

- A. City Officials-** An invitation was sent to the City Manager asking for him to attend our Board meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The City Manager was unable to attend but he sent Marvin Williams and John Cox in his place. The Durham SWCD Board is hoping to be able to partner with the City on future projects and to have a better working relationship with the city.

**4. Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned at 7:54pm.

**Next Meeting: August 1st at 5:30pm**

*Talmage Layton* - Chairman

*Robert Rosenthal* - Vice Chairman