

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

Meeting Number: 02(District Meeting)                      Date: March 1, 2010  
Meeting Number: 07(for State reporting purposes)

**Supervisors Present:**

Talmage Layton, 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  
Lynwood Faison- Soil Conservationist  
Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist  
Steve Bennett- Area Coordinator  
Julie Elmore- Piedmont RC&D Coordinator  
Kelly Ibrahim- Neuse/Tar-Pamlico Basin Coordinator  
Roger Tilley – Durham County citizen

*The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday March 1, 2010, and called to order at 5:37 pm by the chair. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the chairman being present.*

1. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Danielle Adams 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** – Ray Eurquhart- no new business since last meeting.
  
  - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –No report, Robert Rosenthal EAB representative was not present.
  
  - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Lynwood Faison reported that since the last meeting we have had 3 plans and all were adequate as follows: Duke University Utility Improvements & Excavation; Roxboro Street Family Fare Redevelopment and Duke Chiller Plant #2.
  
  - D. **Agricultural Cost Share Program**- Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison reported that we have a request for payment from Bill Lee, Jr. who lives on Bill Poole Rd. The request is for contract # 32/10/01/09 on field 19/3.1 acres of cropland conversion to grass for \$698. Ray Eurquhart made a motion that we pay Bill Lee, Jr. on contract #32/10/01/09. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.  
Faison said Bill Lee, Jr. is requesting a 6 month extension on his contract 32/10/01/09 to complete the remainder of his cropland conversion. Supervisor Ray Eurquhart Made a motion to give Bill Lee, Jr. a 6 month extension on contract # 32/10/01/09. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.  
Faison presented a contract for Kings Mill Farm II, LLC for underground irrigation pipe. The contract number is 32/09/13/09 for \$1,699.00. Kings Mill Farm II, LLC is asking for a 6 month extension on this contract. Supervisor Curtis Richardson Made a motion to give Kings Mill Farm II, LLC a 6 month extension on contract # 32/09/13/09 but he wants an update from Lynwood at the next meeting on the

progress of this contract. Supervisor Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**E. CCAP – Watershed Conservationist,** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- Has revision to a contract that we had already approved fall 2009. The revision is on the dollar amount for contract 32/10/501/15 on a diversion & grass swale. Fall 2009 the board approved to set aside \$5,104 in grant funds for contract # 32/10/501/15. A re-estimation of the total cost was done and the new dollar amount that needs to be set aside for reimbursement is \$9,817. The board has this amount in the CWMTF line item for CCAP. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the revision dollar amount on contract # 32/10/501/15. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 Application for Assistance that needs to be approved. The application is for a diversion. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application for assistance on 32/10/503/15. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 contract for a diversion that needs to be approved. The diversion is approximately 180 sq. ft, the cost share amount is \$628. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve contract # 32/10/503/15. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- Has 1 Application for Assistance that needs to be approved. The application is for a bioretention. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application for assistance pending signatures on contract # 32/10/510/09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 contract for a bioretention on Watts Baptist Church that needs to be approved. The cost share amount is \$9,817. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve contract # 32/10/510/09 pending signatures. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- \$2,195 is left in regular CCAP funds.

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

- **Envirothon** –Durham Soil & Water is hosting the Area IV Envirothon on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help out the day of the event. Please contact Eddie Culberson if you would like to sign up to help.
- **Awards Banquet** – The Annual Awards Banquet will be held this year on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Talmage Layton reserved the Redwood Ruritan Club.

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

- **Envirothon Teams** – This year Durham SWCD will have 3 middle school teams and 8 high school teams competing in the Envirothon.
- **Poster, Essay & Public Speaking** – The local judging of the poster, essay & public speaking contests took place on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The area 4 public speaking contest judging will take place on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Wilson.

**H. Durham Farmland Protection-** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **City Council** – Farmland Board Chair, Kathryn Spann will present the Durham County Farmland Plan to the City Council on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- **Next meeting-** The next meeting date is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
- **Tour** - A legislative tour is being planned.

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

- 1) **Lick Creek**– The contractor has started clearing the site. Eddie Culberson showed pictures to the board of the progress done on the Lick Creek Project.
- 2) **Thacker Project-** The contractor has started clearing the site for the stream restoration project. Eddie Culberson showed pictures to the board of the progress done on the Thacker Project.
- 3) **CWMTF-** CWMTF had a teleconference on February 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be sending out a request for additional information from the grants that were awarded and then pulled by Governor Perdue. We had 3 grants pulled but have since had the innovative stormwater grant reinstated. We still have two grants that have not been reinstated the first one is Stirrup Iron Creek for \$136,000 (design &

permitting) and the second one is for Sandy Creek on reach 1, phase 5 for \$250,000 (design & permitting). CWMTF will be asking for additional info like can you do the project for less money, can you cut corners? CWMTF received \$300 million in additional request this spring cycle.

**J. Area Coordinator-** Steve Bennett reported on the following:

- 1) **RCW-** The board needs to be thinking of a student(s) they may want to send to the RCW this year. Also if anyone is interested in being a counselor this year please contact Steve Bennett.
- 2) **Education** – Met with the chair of the Education Committee and they are going to look into starting some new education programs.

**K. Falls Lake Watershed Rules** – Kelly Ibrahim with the Division of Soil & Water spoke to the board about the latest updates on the Falls Lake Watershed Rules. The public will be able to comment on the draft rules sometime in April.

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

- **2008 Farm Bill** – Matt passed out information on the 2008 Farm Bill.
- **EQIP and WHIP-** the application period closed on January 15<sup>th</sup>. All applications will be ranked by mid February 2010. Matt Kinane reported that he receive 4 applications from Durham, 1 under WHIP and 3 under EQIP.
- **CRP** – The Raleigh Field Office has been assisting the USDA Farm Service Agency in the updating and correction of the CRP Contracts. This process is 50% complete.
- **Personnel Changes with NRCS-** J.B Martin is the acting State Conservationist.
- **Important dates:**
  - March 12, 2010 = application for the “Organic Initiative” possible funding FY 2010.
  - April 1, 2010 = Obligation deadline for all EQIP applications except for those in the “Organic Initiative.

**M. Piedmont RC&D** – Julie Elmore reported on the following

- **Grants** – has applied for 1.3 million dollars in grant money this year. Out of the 1.3 million, 70 thousand will be coming to Durham for a FAB lab.
  1. Applied for \$70,000 for a FAB lab- There are several steps you have to go through to get this grant. Qualified for round 1 interview-scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **RC&D budget** – The president has zeroed out the RC&D budget again this year.
- **FY 2009 Accomplishments** – passed out a copy of the Piedmont and NC RC&D FY2009 accomplishments.

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

- **County Budget** – We have been asked to cut 3% from our County budget this year. A budget retreat was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and if no additional cuts are made to FY2011 budget then the county would be 10.6 million short.

**3. New Business:**

**A. Legislative Tour** – Eddie Culberson reported that the board discussed incorporating state funded projects such as CCAP, Stream Restoration, Storm Water and Farmland Preservation into a legislative tour. The intension of the tour is to educate Durham County Legislators in funds needed to implement these projects & how they affect the water quality in the falls and Jordan lake reservoirs.

**4. Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned at 7:26 PM.

**Next Meeting: April 7, 2010 at 1:00pm**

*Talmage Layton*  
Chairman

*Robert Rosenthal*  
Vice Chairman