

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

Meeting Number: 09(District Meeting) Date: November 1, 2010
Meeting Number: 04(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

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
Steve Bennett, Area IV Coordinator-DENR
Chris Dreps- Durham County Citizen

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday November 1, 2010, and called to order at 5:33 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the Chairman and Vice Chairman being present.

1. Minutes and Financial Report – A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the financial statement Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the minutes. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

2. Old Business

A. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update – Danielle Adams reported on the following:

- Next meeting scheduled for December
- An information meeting was held on October 25th in Butner, NC to discuss the Falls Lake Watershed Association. The Attorneys from Raleigh, Granville, Person, Butner, SGWASA, Creedmoor and several representatives from the 6 counties including Jennifer Brooks (with Durham Soil & Water) and Danielle Adams (Supervisor with Durham SWCD) met on October 25th to discuss the Falls Lake Watershed Association and why Soil & Water does not have a seat on the new Falls Lake Watershed Association.
 - **Resolution-Falls Lake Watershed Association seat-** Danielle reported that a meeting is planned for November 9th with the 5 other Upper Neuse SWCD counties (Person, Wake, Granville, Franklin & Orange Counties) to discuss how they think we should pursue with this matter.
 - Danielle Adams asked that the board approve \$60 for the staff to purchase snacks for the November 9th meeting. Robert Rosenthal made a motion to allow staff to purchase up to \$60 in snacks for the November 9th meeting. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

B. Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update –Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:

1. EAB is still working on trying to get plastic bags banned.
2. Sustainable Building Standards.
3. Next EAB meeting- Wednesday
 - 1st hour will be regular meeting and the remaining time will be a stormwater meeting

- C. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 7 plans and 5 were adequate as follows: Merck Bulk Facility Expansion; SECU Lowes Grove; Carolina Outreach; Duke University Health System School of Medicine-Learning Center and Chatham Steel Office Building & Parking Addition. 2 were inadequate as follows: Bayer Crop Science Greenhouse #5 for no seeding plan; Eisai Dr for no seeding plan, no location map, no legend, no existing grades & no construction sequence.
- D. Agricultural Cost Share Program-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Request for payment** – 1 request for payment for Corene Whitfield for contract # 32-10-02-09 for \$8,150 for grass waterways and field borders. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment for Corene Whitfield for \$8,150. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Application for Assistance-** 1 application for assistance for Ellen Ziemer on a manure spreader and roof top management (gutters) for contract # 32-11-04-02. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Application for Assistance for Ellen Ziemer. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Contract** – has 1 contract for Ellen Ziemer for a manure spreader and roof top management (gutters) for contract # 32-11-04-09 in the amount of \$10,711. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve contract #32-11-04-09 in the amount of \$10,711. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- E. CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist, Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- Has 1 application for assistance for Creek Side Elementary, contract #32-11-508-15 on a 1000 gallon cistern & critical planting area. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the application for Creek Side Elementary as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Has 1 contract that needs to be approved. The contact is for Creek Side Elementary School 32-11-508-15 for \$2,201 for a 1000 gallon cistern and \$1,628 for a critical planting area. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the contract as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- F. Administrative Officer**– Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- **Area IV Fall meeting** – The Area IV Fall meeting will be held at Johnston SWCD on November 18th. Any supervisors planning to attend will need to give her \$25 today for registration.
 - **Gator Tickets-** reminder all gator tickets need to be turned in at the next meeting if you haven't already done so.
 - **Annual Meeting** – The Annual meeting will be held January 9-11th in Asheville, NC. Early registration is due by December 1st.
- G. Environmental Education-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Field Days-** field days were held for 3rd graders at Little River and Club Blvd on October 12th at the District land in Bahama. We will hold field days for Eno Valley Elementary on November 12th.
 - **Big Sweep** – this year so far we had 18 site clean-ups, 9,787 pounds of trash was picked up. Final total is expected this week.
- H. Durham Farmland Protection-** Kathryn reported on the following:
- **Farmers Market-** Mike Dupree has been working on a 2nd Farmers Market in Durham
 - **Ordinance**– subcommittee of the Farmland Board will meet to explore the Ordinance of the board on December 9th
 - **Enhanced VAD** – the board discussed the pros and cons of having an Enhanced VAD Program
 - Conference call was held with Haywood County during the last Farmland meeting to discuss their EVAD Program
 - **Workshop-** Board will discuss plans for a Farmland workshop in February at the next board meeting.
 - **Next meeting-** The next meeting date is scheduled for November 11th at 8am.

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

- **Sandy Creek Phase IV/Reach 2-**
 - In the Final Stages of completion
 - Walk through is planned for next Monday (Eddie Culberson, Baker Engineering & Curtis Richardson)
 - They still need to plant vegetation and buffers
- **Sandy Creek Phase V**
 - Presented an agreement between Baker and the District for Phase V of Sandy Creek. This will complete the watershed. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the agreement between the District and Baker as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Amendment-** A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to give Eddie Culberson and Curtis Richardson permission to revise the wording on the agreement before sending to Baker. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Little Lick Creek** (Future potential project)
 - Spoke with Michael Hosey with Army Corp
 - Wildlife Resource Commission is whom leases the ACE land is opposing the project so therefore Army Corp is refusing to allow the project.
- **John R. McAdams-**
 - Agreement on Stirrup Iron Creek Project
 - Culberson Emailed changes to the Engineering Firm but has not received them back yet.
 - A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Agreement for the Stirrup Iron Creek Project after Culberson has made any necessary wording changes. The agreement is between the District and the Engineering Firm. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- Next Falls Watershed Stake holders meeting on monitoring is scheduled for November 3rd 1:00pm-3:30pm.
- Presented a new nutrient management map

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

- **Work Group Meeting**– Thanked Eddie Culberson & Jennifer Brooks for organizing the work group meeting held on October 19th. The reports are due in Salisbury by November 12th.
- **New Fiscal Year-** FY 2011 began October 1st. Remind farmers to go ahead and sign up for any EQIP, CSP, etc.
- **NRCS/ABC-** Worked on analysis to identify workload needs most of October.
- **Triangle Land Conservancy** –
 - Native warm season grasses
 - Eddie & Matt met with them last week
- **CSP-** on October 25th attend a training in Greensboro

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:

- **BOCC Breakfast-** The breakfast will be held on November 3rd from 7:45am- 9:15am at the Agricultural Building.
- **Conservation Plan-** Has a Conservation Plan for Paul Adcock on Adcock Rd. Mr. Adcock has a cow/calf operation on about 40 acres. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the

Conservation Plan for Paul Adcock as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

• **Duke Diet Center-**

- Duke University has hired Unique Places
- Staff has had conversations with Diane Tetens (Ellerbe Creek watershed Association)
- District interested in obtaining the land?
 - A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart for the District Board to be involved but will not pursue ownership. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **Dr. Marie Robert's land-** Staff attended a meeting at the Triangle Community Foundation on October 27th to discuss the possible development of a park on the district land. The late Dr. Marie Robert left Northern Junior Athletic Association \$58,000 to help with funding of the park. Discussion is still in the early stages.

3. New Business:

- 4. Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting: December 6th at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Robert Rosenthal
Vice Chairman