

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 09(District Meeting) Date: November 2, 2009
Meeting Number: 04(for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Danielle Adams, Secretary/Treasurer
Kathryn Spann- 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 IV Coordinator

1. Chairman Talmage Layton called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 5:36 PM
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the Financial Statement and approve the minutes. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – No new business
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported that they have 1 new member on the EAB board. The EAB is trying to figure out how they can get things back on track after the Jordan Lake Rules were issued. Rosenthal reported that Jennifer Brooks attended the last meeting and presented the Farmland Plan (Draft) to the EAB. Brooks also presented a short presentation on CCAP.
 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Lynwood Faison reported that since the last meeting they have had 3 plan and all are adequate as follows: Goddard Daycare; Research Triangle Institute 09 Building; Madison Glen Phase 2 & 3.
 - D. **Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Lynwood Faison reported:
 - Has 1 contract for approval for Corene C. Whitfield on Ag contract # 32/10/02/09 for grass waterways and 1 field border on 1.4 acres in the amount of \$5,007. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve contract # 32/10/02/09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Eddie Culberson reported that Milton Ganyard's pond is now being renovated. Culberson met with the engineer on October 26th to conduct a spot check. We are hoping to have the pond renovation finished by the end of next week.
 - E. **CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist, Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
 - NCSU Engineer came out and looked at 3 CCAP contracts so now she is just waiting on the Division to sign off on them
 - Jennifer Brooks reported that she is requesting Job Approval Authority for herself from the Division of Soil & Water. The Job Approval Authority would be for cisterns.

- F. Administrative Officer**– Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- **Gator Raffle**- passed out gator tickets to the board to sell. This year they will be giving away 3 prizes instead of 1.
 - **Area IV Fall Meeting**- The Area IV Fall Meeting will be held November 19th in Granville County. Early registration cost is \$20 and late registration cost is \$25. Please let Lisa know if you are planning to attend by the end of October.
- G. Environmental Education**- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Big Sweep**- The Big Sweep clean-ups took place last month and we had 13 total clean-ups this year.
 - **Envirothon Teams** – Has started trainings with the Envirothon Teams. They should have around 12 teams participating in the 2010 Area IV Envirothon. Lisa Marochak reported that the next Area IV Envirothon meeting will be held on November 5th at 10am.
- H. Durham Farmland Protection**- Kathryn Spann reported that the Farmland Advisory Board held a subcommittee meeting on October 29th so the board & staff could process and see how the comments from the public and various advisory councils affect the plan. The Board and staff went over the plan and made changes or corrections as needed. Jennifer Brooks gave an update on the boards that the plan has been presented to already. Brooks also gave dates and times of the remaining boards the plan will be presented to and invited all to attend. Kathryn Spann reported they have two new “At Large” board members.
- I. Stream Restoration** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- 1) **Stormwater Maintenance Agreement/R.N. Harris**- Culberson reported that he checked on this and the district can not enter into an agreement because they do not own the land. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the District to not enter into an agreement with the school maintenance department. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 2) **Duke University Innovative Stream Restoration Project**- signed agreement received from Clean Water Management Trust Fund for \$490,000
- J. NRCS Report** - Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist reported on the following:
- **EQIP** – Has been busy implementing EQIP contracts.
 - **FRPP**- in the process of trying to get FRPP plans updated.
- K. Area IV Coordinator** – Steve Bennett reported on the following:
- **Area IV Fall Meeting**-
 - Supervisor turnout is down at the area meetings. If you have not already done so please sign up to attend.
 - Looking for resolutions
 - 319 grant program
- L. Director’s Report** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **NCASWCD Annual Meeting** –The NCASWCD Annual Meeting will be January 3-5, 2010. The meeting will be held in Raleigh this year at the new Raleigh Convention Center.
 - **County Budget**- next year may be a tougher year than last year for County budget.
 - **Falls Lake Watershed**- Durham County has starting having Falls Lake watershed meetings with county staff every other Tuesday, with City/County every other Wednesday and Ag. subcommittee once a month.
- 4. New Business:**
- A. Farmland Plan**- Kathryn Spann & Jennifer Brooks went over the recommendation for the Farmland Plan and what roles Durham SWCD will play in it. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for

Chairman Talmage Layton to write a letter of support addressed to the JCCPC in support of the Farmland Plan.

- B. GAP Certification-** Kathryn Spann brought to the boards attention about Good Agricultural Practices Certification and the conflicts it proposes on Agricultural Best Management Practices. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the board to take this item as a resolution to the Area IV Fall meeting on November 19th. Kathryn Spann will present the resolution at the Area IV Fall meeting. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- C. NCASWCD survey for Water Resource Committee-** Lisa Marochak passed around a survey that the NCASWCD Water Resource Committee is asking districts to complete. The survey is on the water conservation assistance program. The board completed the survey and Lisa Marochak will email the completed survey back to NCASWCD.
- D. Strategic Planning-** The NCASWCD has hired a firm to head up the strategic planning for the Association. The firm will be sending out surveys and making phone calls to supervisors. Please take the time to fill out the survey when you receive it. The NCASWCD would also like the board as a whole to complete the survey. Lisa Marochak passed out a copy of the survey and asked each supervisor to look it over and plan to fill it out together at the next board meeting.

5. Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2009 (time & location to be determined)

Talmage Layton

Chairman

Robert Rosenthal

Vice Chairman