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

Meeting Number: 08(District Meeting) Date: October 5, 2009
Meeting Number: 03 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
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

1. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 5:45 PM
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to accept the Financial Statement and approve the minutes. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Ray Eurquhart reported on the following:
 - A Falls Lake subcommittee meeting will be held tomorrow October 6th off of Reedy Creek Rd.
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported that the Farmland Plan has been added as an agenda item at the next EAB meeting on October 6th at 6pm.
 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Lynwood Faison reported that since the last meeting they have had 1 plan and it is adequate as follows: Ward Consulting, Engineers P.C.
 - D. **Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Lynwood Faison reported:
 - Had 1 request for payment on Ag contract # 32/09/05/09 which was for drought cost share on a well for \$5,900 that Chairman Talmage Layton signed prior to the meeting as authorized by the board. A motion was Ray Eurquhart to approve application. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - E. **CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist, Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
 - Has 1 Application for Assistance that needs to be approved. The application is for 90 sq ft rain garden. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application for assistance on 32/10/505/09. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Has 1 contract that needs to be approved. The contract is for a 90 sq ft rain garden. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve contract # 32/10/505/09. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
 - Has 1 contract cancellation for contract # 32/09/501/09 on a cistern. The contract money will go back to the state to be reallocated.
 - F. **Administrative Officer**– Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **FLP-** NC Food, Land & People a program with the NC Soil & Water Conservation Districts is asking districts to sponsor \$100 to help support the FLP Program. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to give \$100 to NC Food, Land & People. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Green Team-** The Durham County Green Team committee is looking for donations to give to their employees for taking the Drive Smarter Challenge. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to donate a composting bin the Durham County Green Team Committee. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **State Fair-** We will be working at the State Fair again this year on October 22nd. We will be working at the Soil & Water Booth highlighting the Durham Soil & Water District. If you are interested in helping out on October 22nd please call or email Lisa Marochak.
- **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-** At the September 28 BOCC meeting the Board of County Commissioners voted to designate the month of October Big Sweep month in Durham County. Jennifer Brooks reported that 8 Big Sweep clean-up events were held this past Saturday and several more are planned through out the month of October.
- **Field Days-** will be held October 13 & 15 at Twin Lakes Park. If you would like to volunteer to help out please contact the Soil & Water office.

H. Durham Farmland Protection- Jennifer reported that the Durham County Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Plan (Public Draft) has been posted to the Durham Soil & Water website. The deadline for the public to review the plan and make comments to the consultant Gerry Cohn is Friday, October 30. Jennifer Brooks gave out the dates of the boards the plan will be presented to over the next couple of weeks. The plan should be finalized and ready to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the December BOCC meeting.

Kathryn Spann reported that the Farmland Board has a new member named Samantha Gasson. She is a landowner and 4H teacher. The board discussed possible candidates to fill the other vacant positions at the last board meeting.

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

- 1) **CWMTF-** Clean Water Management Trust Fund trustees are meeting again on November 15th-16th. At this meeting the trustees will be deciding if they are going to go back and pick up the remaining contracts that they awarded originally. Stirrup Iron Creek was one of the originally awarded contracts that the Governor pulled the money from. The John R. McAdams Engineering Firm has completed \$8,160 of the Stirrup Iron Creek and billed the district in March of this year. CWMTF Trustees will consider cases like this in deciding further allocations.
- 2) **RN Harris-** Will Summers with CWMTF came over on September 29th and took a tour of the RN Harris Project and he seemed very impressed with it. The only thing that is left to do on the project is to plant the vegetative plants and the project will be complete.
- 3) **Sandy Creek-** Phase 4- Reach 2 has a draft designed.

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

- **EQIP Listening Session-** Matt Kinane reported that he attended 1 of the listening sessions on September 24th. The listening sessions were well attended and several comments were made at the sessions.

K. 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.

- **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.

4. New Business:

5. Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Robert Rosenthal
Vice Chairman