

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

Meeting Number: 07(District Meeting)                      Date: September 8, 2010  
Meeting Number: 02(for State reporting purposes)

**Supervisors Present:**

Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman  
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor  
Danielle Adams, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor

**Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson, Director  
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer  
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist  
Jennifer Brooks, Soil Conservationist/Environmental Ed. Coordinator  
Steve Bennett- Area IV Coordinator/DENR  
Matthew Kinane – NRCS- District Conservationist  
Jennifer Austin- Wake County Citizen

*The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Wednesday September 8, 2010, and called to order at 5:15 pm by the Vice Chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the Vice Chairman being present.*

1. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to accept the financial statement Danielle Adams 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 presented a draft resolution to the Durham SWCD Board too ratify House Bill 1765. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart that the Durham SWCD Board supports the draft resolution to ratify House Bill 1765-Chapter 77. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.  
The next UNRB meeting will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  
  - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported that currently the EAB has 6 active members. If you know of anyone that is interested in serving on the EAB please have them contact Kathleen Snyder. The EAB is still working on the banning of plastic bags in Durham.
  
  - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 7 plans and 6 were adequate as follows: Voyager Academy High School- Ben Franklin Blvd; MM Fowler Buffer Replanting-4220 Neal Rd; Riverbirch Site Improvements-4709 Creekstone Dr; Moore Drive Surface Parking- Moore Campus Drive; Medical Office Building- 4102 Ben Franklin Blvd; Curtis Media-Bivins Rd- 3204 Bivins Rd; The Measurement Bldg & Morris Ridge- 601A Foster St  
1 was inadequate as follows: Westpoint 751, LLC- 7806 Hwy 751 South

**D. Agricultural Cost Share Program-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- \$37,829 – Allocation for FY2011
- Has an application for assistance for Kings Mill Farm on Ag contract # 32/11/01/09. The application for assistance is for an abandoned well closure. A motion was made by Daniel Adams to approve the application for assistance with a max of \$1,500 to Kings Mill Farm on contract #32/11/01/09. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 contract for approval for Kings Mill Farm on Ag contract #32/11/01/09 for an abandoned well with a cap amount of \$1,500. A motion was made by Daniel Adams to approve contract # 32/11/01/09 with a max of \$1,500 to Kings Mill Farm on contract #32/11/01/09. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has an application for David Krabbe on Ag contract # 32/11/02/09. The application for assistance is for an abandoned well closure. A motion was made by Daniel Adams to approve the application for assistance to David Krabbe on contract #32/11/02/09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 1 contract for approval for David Krabbe on Ag contract # 32/11/02/09 for an abandoned well with a cap amount of \$1,500. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve contract # 32/11/02/09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- \$34,829 – Allocation remaining for FY2011

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

- Put in a request to the Division of Soil & Water for them to return \$5,434 in CWMTF money to the district.
- Has 6 applications for assistance. The first one is for Dr. Linda Schmalbeck, contract #32-11-501-09 on a 182 sq ft. rain garden. The second is for Betsy Barton contract #32-11-502-09 for a 426 sq ft. rain garden. The third is for Jordan Capps contract #32-11-503-09 for a 155 sq ft. rain garden and a 500 gallon cistern. The fourth is for FEELC contract #32-11-504-15 for 2 cisterns 1200 gallon and 1500 gallon. The fifth is for Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook contract #32-11-505-09 for a 215 sq ft. rain garden and a 550 gallon cistern. The sixth is for Allen Ellis contract #32-11-506-09 for a 112 sq ft. rain garden and 300 gallon cistern. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the six applications as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Has 6 contracts that need to be approved. The first contract is for 32-11-501-09 for \$578; the second contract is for 32-11-502-09 for \$600; the third contract is for 32-11-503-09 for \$492 & \$1,607; the fourth contract is for 32-11-504-15 for \$4,571; the fifth contract is for 32-11-505-09 for \$1,669 and \$681; the sixth contract is for 32-11-506-09 for \$354 & \$1,496. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the six contracts as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent

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

- **State Fair** – The district will not be working at the Soil & Water booth as a district this year. If you would like to sign up for individual time slots please contact Lisa Marochak and she will let you know what is available.
- **Gator Tickets-** passed out gator tickets to all supervisors. All tickets need to be turned back in this year whether they are sold or not.
- **Tree Seedlings** – The tree seedling sale is underway. All tree seedlings will be sold on a first come basis. The delivery date will be around February 10, 2011.
- **Rain Barrels** – We will be receiving another shipment of barrels this week. Customers seem to like the online sales.

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

- **Envirothon Teams** – Jennifer Brooks & Steve Bennett along with the Vicious Vipers team from Durham attended the North American Canon Envirothon in Fresno, CA. The Envirothon competition was held August 1<sup>st</sup>- August 6<sup>th</sup>. The team placed 25<sup>th</sup> overall, 6<sup>th</sup> in soils and 9<sup>th</sup> in aquatics. A story on the Vicious Vipers should be in the N&O next Tuesday.

- **Field Days-** This year we will hold field days for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, October 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at the District land in Bahama.
  - **Port-a-john-**Two port-a-johns are needed on October 12 & October 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost is around \$90 each. Jennifer Brooks is going to try and find a sponsor for Field Days. A motion was made by Danielle Adams for the staff to spend \$360 on port-a-johns contingent a sponsor is not found. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Big Sweep** – October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the official Big Sweep Clean-up Day. The first clean-up will be held this Saturday.
- **Chair of Durham School** – Danielle Adams reported she met with the Chair of Durham’s School Board to discuss all of the Environmental Education trainings we have to offer Durham Public Schools. Jennifer Brooks will be doing a short presentation for DPS board on September 15th.

**H. Durham Farmland Protection-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- **Piedmont Processing Center-** Needs someone to sit on the Steering Committee (3 year term).
- **Jordan High School**– Working with Jordan High School on the installation two green houses and a chiller.
- **Next meeting-** The next meeting date is scheduled for September 16th at 8am.

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

- Had meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> with DWQ, Duke University and Durham City Stormwater to discuss nutrient reductions in Jordan Lake watershed. Discussion at the meeting involved us being able to capture some credits.
- **Little Lick Creek-** Looking at new potential stream restoration project at Little Lick Creek tomorrow (on 303D list).
- **Sandy Creek-Phase 4/Reach 2** – project has started.

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

- **Budget** – The Division has been asked to give a 10% reduction in their budget. There may be an additional 5% reduction by January.

**K. Falls Lake Watershed Rules** – Mike Dupree reported that 24 people attended a meeting this week to set a parameter for a model monitoring system.

**L. NRCS Report** –Matt Kinane reported on the following:

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** –Matt Kinane has been very busy over the past couple of weeks writing Conservation Plans. Matt Kinane presented 7 Conservation Plans for the Conservation Reserve Program (Richard B. Hardy- contract 48 for 6.9 acres, contract 49 for 27.5 acres and contract 50 for 67.1 acres; Ike Terry (trust)- contract 46 for 18.1 acres, contract 59 for 89.4 acres, contract 60 for 109.1 acres and contract 61 for 19.0 acres. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve all 7 contracts as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **Technical District of the Year-** The District has been nominated for the ‘Technical District of the Year’ award. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January. We should be notified sometime in November on the winner of the award.
- **Area 6 Fall Meeting-** The staff has been asked to speak at the Area 6 Fall Meeting about getting the word out to local and state officials.
- **Annual Report** – The Annual Report is complete and has been mailed out or emailed to people on our contact list.

**3. New Business:**

- **Commissioner Breakfast-** Eddie Culberson reported that he is working on a date for the Commissioner Breakfast. He will call the County Commissioners and see if October 6<sup>th</sup> will work for them. Invitations will be mailed out with the finalized date and location.
- **Falls Lake (financial cost)** – Danielle Adams discussed with the board potential financial cost of the Falls Lake Watershed rules. The Board agreed for her to work with Rep. Larry D. Hall’s office on potential funding opportunities.
- **Strategic Plan** – Culberson passed out a finalized copy of the Association’s Strategic Plan. Culberson pointed out the 8 priorities.

4. **Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned at 7:05 PM.

**Next Meeting: October 4th at 5:30pm**

*Robert Rosenthal*  
**Vice Chairman**