

**Durham Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**721 Foster St.**  
**Durham, NC 27701**  
(second floor conference room)

Meeting Number: 3 (District Meeting)

Date: March 9, 2015

Meeting Number: 8 (for State reporting purposes)

**Supervisors Present:**

Talmage Layton, Chairman  
Katie Locklier, Treasurer/Secretary  
Ray Eurquhart, Financial Officer/Supervisor  
David Harris, Associate Supervisor  
Melissa Rooney, Associate Supervisor

**Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson, Director  
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative Officer  
Jennifer Brooks, Soil Conservationist/EE Coordinator  
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist  
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist  
John Cox- City of Durham  
Ken Reckhow- citizen

*The regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, March 9, 2015, and called to order at 5:42 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster Street.*

**1. Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Katie Locklier. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the minutes. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**2. Old Business**

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

- **Pre-Budget Hearing** – Eddie went to the pre-budget hearing for our department on March 6. The County is looking for 3.2 million before FY16 budget request comes in.
- **Budget Hearing**- The County sent a proposed date of April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am for the FY16 department budget hearing. The Board agreed that that was a good date and time.
- **NC Water Resources “Excellence Award”**- Durham Soil and Water will be receiving an award from the NC Water Resources during a luncheon on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ag Awareness Day**- The first ever Ag Awareness Day will take place on March 18 in Raleigh. District Supervisors and Staff are encouraged to attend. The Supervisor breakfast will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Legislative Building cafeteria 7am-8am.
- **Hydrilla**-
  - will cost \$150,000 for a 2 year treatment
    - The Division of Water Resources will pay 50% and the 7 partners will split the remaining 50%.
  - Durham Soil and Water is requesting the 50% in our County budget request .
  - Public Hearing- April 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm at the Whitted Building in Hillsborough.

**B. Upper Neuse River Basin Association Issues Update**

No report

**C. Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update**

No report

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

- **FY15 funds** –
  - received \$50,000 for FY15
  - Remaining \$916
  - Asked for a new allocation- \$24,084

**E. AgWRAP**

- **Application** – Submitted application for a new pond

**F. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 20 plans and 18 were adequate as follows: Creekside at Bethpage-Phase 2; Piedmont Land Design LLP; Green Edge Self Storage; Orchard Ridge Lots; Duke University Campus Expansion; Woodstone II at Croasdaile Farms; Chapel Run; Duke University Wallace Wade Stadium West Tower; Creekside at Bethpage – Amenity Site; Brightwoods Trails Phases 4C and 5; Del Webb Phases 3&4; Duke University Scott Family Pavilion; Lot 3 Alexander Industrial Park; Duke Edens Quad Residence Halls; DeGuzman Residence; New Japan Resturant and Zaxby’s Resturant. 2 were inadequate due to no seeding plan as follows: 3518 HSDC Elba Street parking and Starbucks @Durham Chapel Hill Blvd.

**G. CCAP** – Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- **Approval of Contract** - Has 1 contract 32-2015-536 for streambank stabilization. The contact amount is \$3734 with a ranking score of 190 using Third Fork Creek/Jordan CCAP funds and Durham SWCD 319 funds. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract as presented. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Approval of Contract** - Has 1 contract 32-2015-512 for an 1107 sqft rain garden. The contact amount is \$3508 with a ranking score of 175 using Durham SWCD 319 funds. A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Request for Payment**
  - **RFP** - contract #32-2015-524 for \$3540 for streambank stabilization. Contract #32-2015-525 for \$3763 for streambank stabilization. Ray Eurquhart made a motion to approve the 2 RFP’s as presented. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **Area IV Spring Meeting**- The February 26<sup>th</sup> Area IV Spring Meeting was canceled due to weather. The new Area IV Spring meeting date is March 25<sup>th</sup> in Wilson. The cost is \$25. Please let Lisa know if you are planning to attend or not.

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

- **8<sup>th</sup> grade DPS Teacher Workshop**- On March 3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Brooks and Mike Dupree presented at a workshop for Durham Public School teachers.
- **Area IV Envirothon**- will be held on March 20

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

- No meeting since our last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 8am.

**K. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- **Southern High School Stormwater Project**- Surveying March 23-26
- **Sandy Creek Phase V**- looking at the replanting tomorrow
- **Ward Farm**- Walking the Ward Farm tomorrow with Will Summers

**L. NRCS** – Matthew Kinane reported on the following:

- **Staffing**- The NRCS State Management Team is currently working on a new staffing model to be implemented in the coming months. Cooperation among our conservation partners will be needed

- **EQIP**
  - 2 remaining application periods offered for FY-2015: March 20, 2015 and May 15, 2015.
  - Two applications from the January 16, 2015 ranking period from Durham County have been promoted to “pre-approved”. They are working to develop them into contracts.
  - The NC NRCS State Office goal is to have 90% of the EQIP funds obligated to contracts by June 1, 2015.
- **Soil Conservationist-** Themis Stone, Soil Conservationist has started another detail at the Cartage Service Center (Moore County). This detail will last up to 120 days.
- **USDA Stewardship Easement Reviews:** All USDA Stewardship Easements Durham County has received will have an annual contract status review. Kinane has to complete half of the reviews by March 31, 2015 and the remaining by June 30, 2015.
- **USA Conservation Compliance Reviews:** NRCS in North Carolina has stated to prepare for the annual conservation compliance reviews. According to the latest NC Bulletin, NRCS has established July 31, 2015 as the completion date for the compliance reviews and the quality reviews. Training for the upcoming compliance review has been scheduled for March 18.
- **Civil Rights and Equal Opportunities Responsibilities-**
  - Receipt of Request for Benefit or Service Offered by USDA (aka Receipt for Service): NRCS personnel will be providing Receipt for Service (using a web-based tool) to customers who call, email, or visit the field office.

**M. City of Durham-** John Cox passed out an update from City Stormwater to the board and staff. Cox reported the following:

- **Infrastructure Group-** The City’s consultant, Wildlands Engineering, Inc., continues to work on the design and construction documents for the third Fork Creek Stream Restoration project. The project web page will be updated throughout the course of the project.
- **Residential Retrofit RFP-** City Stormwater Services will be putting out an RFP for competitive bidding on SCM installation services (e.g., backyard rain garden, cistern type of projects). Current expectation is that it will be within the next two months.
- **Request for meeting-** A request was sent to Durham Soil and Water staff to schedule a meeting the end of March with the potential to have a regular quarterly meeting with representatives of Stormwater and GIS Services Division.

## **New Business**

- A. New Supervisor Training-** Katie Locklier reported that she, David Harris and Mark Dewitt attended the two day Supervisor Training at the School of Government. Durham had the most Supervisors at the training in the State.
- B. Closed Session**  
At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Katie Locklier to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G.S.143.318.11(a)(3) to discuss real property dealing with the Dr. Robert’s Environmental Education Park. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- C. Reconvene to Open Session at 7:33 p.m.**  
Chairman Layton announced that the Board met in Closed Session and the Board gave direction to staff. Culberson is going to consult with an attorney and see if he can come to the next meeting.
- D. White Paper-** the Board discussed the paper and made a few changes.

**Adjourn:** The Chairman adjourned at 8:03pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:30pm-** 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

**Talmage Layton**  
Chairman

**Katie Locklier**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**May 4, 2015**  
Approval date