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

Meeting Number: 10 (District Meeting)
Meeting Number: 4 (for State reporting purposes)

Date: October 5, 2015

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Danielle Adams, Vice Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Financial Officer/Supervisor
Katie Locklier, Treasurer/Secretary
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
David Harris, Associate Supervisor
Melissa Rooney, Associate Supervisor
Mark Dewitt, Associate Supervisor
Kathryn Spann, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Natural Resources Coordinator
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist
Jessica Pope, Contracted Services employee

The regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, October 5, 2015, and called to order at 5:35 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster Street.

Minutes/Financial Report– A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the minutes from the September meeting and accept the financial report for September. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Old Business

A. District Issues

- a. **NJAA** – Durham County Attorney, Willie Darby spoke to the board to update them on his latest correspondence with NJAA in regards to the Bahama land. The board discussed setting up a committee meeting with NJAA to discuss the issues and then the Board making a decision. Kathryn asked to be added to the committee. Lisa to send out possible dates for the meeting after Curtis sends her dates he is available to meet.
- b. **Watershed Commission/GS139** – Ray Eurquhart asked the Board to decide which of the commissioner can help get the Watershed Commission/GS139 paper on the Nov. 2 or Dec. 7 BOCC work session. Ray is going to talk to Wendy Jacobs.

B. Environmental Education – Jennifer Brooks reported on the following

- a. Field Days - postponed until further notice due to the excessive rain in the last several days. Hope to reschedule for the spring.
- b. Staff looked in to how much it would cost to have the Bahama land mowed and received some quotes. The lowest quote was for \$275. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to

approve the bid of \$275 to mow the Bahama land. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- c. Big Sweep – Had 1 clean up on Oct 3rd despite the rain, rest were cancelled or postponed. Many more clean-ups planned for the rest of the month, so still more opportunities to volunteer.

C. Administrative Report – Lisa Marochak reported on the following;

- a. **State Fair**- Durham Soil & Water will be working at the Soil & Water booth on October 20th 9am-1:30pm. Eddie, Joan, Ray, Danielle, Lisa and David have volunteered to staff booth during that time.
- b. **Area IV Resolutions** – Due by October 8th to Wilson.
- c. **Area IV Fall meeting**- will be held in Wilson on November 19. Please bring \$25 to Lisa Marochak by the October 31, if you are planning to attend.
- d. **Annual Meeting** – you were emailed a link to register (the board will pay for any associate supervisor that wants to attend)
- e. **50th Anniversary Celebration**
 - Golf Shirts – We will be getting golf shirts for the board and staff, they are \$18 each, please let Lisa know what size you want. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve staff spending \$18 each on shirts for the 50th Anniversary. The shirt color will be Steel Gray. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Please sign your Bayer safety forms and return your RSVP cards
 - The board will request that the BOCC read a Proclamation to honor the District’s 50 anniversary
- f. **FLP** – the NC FLP education committee has asked each District for a \$100 donation in support of Project Food, Land & People. The donation is already approved in the Durham SWCD State Budget.
- g. **Area IV** is looking for a Supervisor to serve as the Community Conservation representative. Katie Locklier would be willing to serve as the Community Conservation Representative and Ray Eurquhart would be willing to take over her seat as the Finance representative.
- h. **Contractor**- Jessica Pope has taken a perment job with Wake Soil and Water and her last day will be this Friday.

D. Upper Neuse River Basin Association Issues Update- David Harris reported on the following:

- a. At the last meeting they had a presentation from the water management division out of Wilmington

E. Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update – Mark Dewitt reported on the following;

- a. Several new members joined the board
- b. Looking at goals and objectives for next year
- c. Presented findings on canopy replacement
- d. EAB website being updated

F. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans - Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had six plans. Three were adequate as follows: Duke University New Arts Building, Ellis Rd-Phase 2 and Hope Valley Ridge. Three were inadequate due to no seeding plan: Am. Industrial Center Williams Scottsman Storage Yard Improvements, Duke University East Entry and Durham Solar.

- G. Director's Report** – Lisa Marochak and Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- a. **New Position**- Interview process has started, candidates are being narrowed down
 - b. **Hydrilla report**- hydrilla in river down to 10% after first 2 applications. Another application will follow, possibly in the spring
 - c. **Contracted Services employee** – Elizabeth Zander has been contracted to begin working with us, starting next Tuesday for approximately 12 hrs per week
 - d. **Parking lot pavement** – Ag Building parking lot re-pavement slated to begin next Monday
 - e. **Jessica Pope** – current Contracted Services Employee, Jessica Pope's last day with Durham County is this Friday
 - f. **City-Algal Turf Scrubber Tour** – City offering limited opportunity tour of Algal turf scrubber on Friday, Oct 23 from 10-11:30am. Curtis volunteered to take Jennifer's place on the tour.
- H. Agricultural Cost Share Program**- Jennifer Brooks reported the following:
- a. **Contract Supplement**- for contract # 32-2016-001 long term no-till on 132.88 acres in the amount of \$19,921. Katie Locklier made a motion to approve the contract supplement as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - b. **FY16 Allocation**- Waiting on state budget to pass for FY16 funding. We initially received 30% (\$15,000) of last year's allocation plus a refund of \$13,378 from a canceled contract, for a total of \$28,378. We have allocated \$19,921 which leaves us with a balance of \$8,457 remaining until the state budget is passed.
- I. AgWRAP**
- No new business to report. Will not receive an allocation until November.
- J. CCAP** – Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- a. **Allocation**- Will not receive an allocation until November.
 - b. **Contract Supplement** - A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract supplement for 32-2016-527 in the amount of \$300. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - c. **Request for Payment**
 - A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the request for payment for 32-2015-536 in the amount of \$461 using DSWCD 319 funds.
 - A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the request for payment for 32-2015-536 in the amount of \$3,733.50 using CCAP funds. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- K. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects** – Jennifer Brooks and Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- a. **Sandy Creek** – we have received some concerns from citizens near the Sandy Creek project that they have an increase in mosquitos.
 - b. **Ward Project** –\$500,000 has been earmarked for the watershed of Jordan and Falls Lake. Still waiting to hear if the Ward Project was funded by CWMTF.
 - c. **EEG/ Southern High School Stormwater Project**- A motion was made by Katie Locklier to allocate \$1,000 to buy materials for Justin Van Sickle to buy materials needed for the Kiosk and

EEG will reimburse the District. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- d. **Potential Stream Restoration-** Eddie is meeting with Paul Adcock on Oct. 12th to look at a potential Stream Restoration Project.

L. **Durham Farmland Protection-** Kathryn Spann reported on the following:

a. **Farmers Market-**

- **Additional downtown Farmers Market option-** a subcommittee met with Deputy County Manager Drew Cummings and Marqueta Welton and Commissioner Jacobs to discuss the downtown farmers market option. Drew Cummings was going to meet with Durham Central Market to see if Durham farmers can get more spots at their market.
- **Northgate location-** The Farmland Board voted to pursue with the Northgate location.

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

- a. **Engineering Spot Checks-** NRCS will be conducting a spot check of Engineering and Non-Engineering practices installed and certified during the past fiscal year. The list of practices certified have been submitted to the Durham Office and they will be notified by the field office when the spot checks are scheduled.
- b. **Field Office Appraisal-** A field office program appraisal will be conducted in Durham within the next several months.
- c. **Avian Influenza Outbreak-** If an HPAI outbreak occurs in North Carolina, the response will be coordinated by NC Department of Agriculture (NCDA). The response will focus on virus containment and management. Check the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services website <http://ncagr.gov/avianflu/> for current information and updates.
- d. **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands-** The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be taking applications for the CRP Grasslands. Interested parties should contact the Farm Service Agency office for additional information. The CRP Grassland Rental Rate will be \$15 per acre for Durham County.
- e. **General CRP sign-up –** Expected to be sometime December 2015
- f. **CRP Contract-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the following CRP modification to the John Jones Plan: modified the acres to 13.6. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 5:30pm - 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

11/2/2015
Approval date