

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 11 (District Meeting)
Meeting Number: 5 (for State reporting purposes)

Date: November 2, 2015

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, 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:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Natural Resources Coordinator
Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Svc. Manager
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist

The regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, November 2, 2015, and called to order at 5:30 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster Street.

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

Old Business

A. District Issues

- a. **District Land** – The Durham SWCD subcommittee is planning to meet on November 11th at 12:30pm to discuss the District land. The subcommittee meeting will be held at 721 Foster St in the 2nd floor conference room.
- b. **Watershed Commission/GS139** –The subcommittee will meet on November 11th at 1:30pm to go over the Watershed Commission/GS139 paper that will be presented at the December 7th BOCC work session. We will not be asking for a vote at the work session. The subcommittee meeting will be held at 721 Foster St in the 2nd floor conference room.

B. Environmental Education – Jennifer Brooks reported on the following

- a. **Big Sweep** – is officially over but still waiting on totals from the cleanups. All together there were 17 cleanups this year.

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

- a. **State Fair**- Lisa thanked everyone that volunteered (David Harris, Danielle Adams, Eddie Culberson, Joan Culberson, and herself) at the Soil and Water State Fair booth on October 20th 9am-1:30pm.
- b. **Contract with the Division** - A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the agreement between the Division of Soil and Water and the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board and to also adopt the secondary employment form. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- c. **Area IV Envirothon**- the Area IV Envirothon Committee has asked each District for their yearly \$100 dues. The dues are already approved in the Durham SWCD State Budget.
- d. **Area IV Fall meeting**- will be held in Wilson on November 19. Please give \$25 to Lisa Marochak tonight, if you are planning to attend.
- e. **Annual Meeting** – you were emailed a link to register (the board will pay for any associate supervisor that wants to attend). Lisa will resend the link out tomorrow.
- f. **Area IV Spring Meeting**- set-up committee to start planning for the Area IV Spring meeting that will be held in Durham on February 25th. The committee will consist of Talmage Layton, Danielle Adams, David Harris, Eddie Culberson and Lisa Marochak. Lisa will set-up a date for the committee to meet.

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

- a. Path Forward meeting tomorrow on rule changes

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

- a. Bryan Calloway gave a presentation on the sustainability issues in Durham Public Schools. They are starting a new program called ‘Toss it Right’.
- b. Wastewater Program- washable wipes are not flushable as some packages say and they are messing up the septic system.
- c. EAB has been doing more outreach- Mark Dewitt attended Planning meeting.
- d. Meeting this Wednesday- presentation on Light Rail

F. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans - Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had seven plans. Five were adequate as follows: Bouncing Bulldogs; Duke University Bassett Dr.; Echo Valley; Villages at Independence Park; and Parkway Plaza Outparcel. Two were inadequate due to no seeding plan: 2540 Meridian Parkway and 2645 Meridian Parkway;

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

- a. **50th Anniversary**- Culberson said that he thought everything went well with the celebration and he thanked staff for all of their hard work in planning the event. The board members thanked all the staff for all the work they put into planning and setting up for the event.
- b. **New Position**- Hoping new employee will start beginning of December
- c. **NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Grant**- We received a grant for \$22,000 from the NCADFP and \$3,000 from Durham Farm Bureau to purchase a no-till drill.
- d. **Farmer Briefing**- David Price’s office called today about a Farmers Briefing/breakfast that will be held on Nov 16th 8am-10am at the NC Fairgrounds. Price’s office is going to send an invite that we will forward to the board.

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

- a. Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance on contract #32-2016-002 for Hope Raines of Raleigh using Falls Lake 319 funds. The AFA is for a heavy use area and a small diversion. A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the application as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- b. Approval of Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-2016-002 for a heavy use area and a small diversion. The contract is in the amount of \$6,202. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

I. AgWRAP

- No new business to report. Will not receive an allocation until November 18th.

J. CCAP – Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- a. Application for Assistance -** A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to batch and approve the following 4 Applications for Assistance. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 32-2016-528 Ann Carr for critical area planting and riparian buffer, Northeast Creek/Jordan.
 - 32-2016-529 Melvin Carver for streambank stabilization, Northeast Creek/Jordan.
 - 32-2016-530 Carol Hamlin for rain garden and cistern, Third Fork Creek/Jordan.
 - 32-2016-531 Emily McCoy for a cistern Northeast Creek/Jordan.
- b. Contracts Durham 319 grant funds-**
 - Has a contract for 32-2016-529 for stream bank stabilization \$3688, ranking score 205, DSWCD 319 grant. A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the contract as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Has a contract for 32-2016-530 for rain garden & cistern \$1,710, ranking score 190, DSWCD 319 grant. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the contract as presented. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - Has a repair contract for 32-2016-526 for critical area planting riparian buffer \$762, ranking score 195, DSWCD 319 grant. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the contract as presented. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- c. Duke Energy Grant-** Should hear something soon from Duke Energy on the \$100,000 CCAP grant application.

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

- a. Ward Project** Still waiting to hear if the Ward Project was funded by CWMTF. Should hear back later this month.
- b. EEG/ Southern High School Stormwater Project-** received a materials list from the Boy Scout (Justin Van Sickle) and staff will be placing an order soon. EEG will reimburse the District for material purchased for the kiosk.

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

a. Farmers Market

- **Northgate location-** things moving forward on the Northgate Market. The name of the market is going to be 'Durham Roots'.
- **Durham Farmers Market -** Deputy County Manager Drew is still trying to get information from the Durham Farmers Market.

b. Breakfast Series

- November breakfast will be held at Caywood Farm (home of Neil and Cathy Frank). The speaker will be Johnny Rogers and he will talk about 'Beef Cattle Production'. Invitations were mailed out last week.
- December 10th Breakfast- Possible location: Fullsteam Brewery and possible topic: hops
- January 21st Breakfast- Will be held at Bull City Cool. This will be a panel discussion for farmers on GAP certification. The panel will consist of farmers that have gone through GAP certification.
- February 18th Breakfast- Possible site location Hoffman's Nursery.

M. NRCS – Matthew Kinane reported on the following:

- a. Wake SWCD 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on December 3 at 5:30pm
- b. EQIP
 - Rollout November 4 & 5.
 - November 20th first applications
- c. **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 are scheduled to be done next Tuesday.
- d. **Field Office Program Appraisal-** A field office program appraisal will be conducted in Durham within the next several months.
- e. **Avian Influenza Outbreak-** Current Status in North Carolina is HPAI free. Check the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services website <http://ncagr.gov/avianflu/> for current information and updates.

New Business

- A. **Lowes Grove Middle School-** Melissa Rooney reported that Lowes Grove Middle School is trying to get a BETC Program like the one at Southern High School. They would like to apply for the DOS grant but they need \$3,000 to \$4,000 as a match for the grant. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to allow \$1,000 to be used by Lowes Grove Middle School for leverage for the DOS grant. Lowes Grove Middle School will only receive the money if they receive the DOS grant. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 7:27pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2015 at 1:00pm - 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

Approval date