

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 12 (District Meeting)

Date: December 15, 2015

Meeting Number: 6 (for State reporting purposes)

**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

**Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson, Director  
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer  
Jennifer Brooks, Natural Resources Coordinator  
Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Svc. Manager  
Heather Dutra, Watershed Conservationist  
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist  
Louise Hart, NC Division Soil & Water - Regional Coordinator

*The regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, December 15, 2015, and called to order at 12:32 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at The Blue Note Grill 709 Washington St, Durham, NC 27701.*

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

### Old Business

#### A. District Issues

- a. **District Land** – The Durham SWCD subcommittee met on November 11<sup>th</sup> and discussed the District land, construction, liability & maintenance agreement that will need to be drawn up. The committee further discussed making sure that NJAA has funds to move through with their plan. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson for NJAA to come to the Durham Soil and Water Board meeting on February 1 or March 7 with their plans.
- b. **Watershed Commission/GS139** –The subcommittee met on November 11<sup>th</sup> to go over the Watershed Commission/GS139 that was presented at the December 7<sup>th</sup> at the BOCC work session. Curtis Richardson gave a presentation at the BOCC work session on the Watershed Commission/GS139 and did a great job. There was lots of good feedback from the presentation. The BOCC requested that the Board do a presentation at the next EAB meeting.

#### B. Environmental Education – Lisa Marochak report on the following:

- a. **National Envirothon** – The NC Envirothon Committee is polling districts to see if you would support NC hosting the National Envirothon in 2019. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to support NC hosting the 2019 Nation Envirothon in principal. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- C. Administrative Report** – Lisa Marochak reported on the following;
- a. **Area IV meeting**- Durham Soil and Water will be hosting the Area IV meeting this year. The Spring meeting will be held on February 25, 2016. The subcommittee is planning to meet this afternoon to discuss logistics.
  - b. **Annual Meeting** – please remember to bring any gator tickets you have to the NCASWCD Annual Meeting January 3-5.
- D. Upper Neuse River Basin Association Issues Update**- David Harris reported on the following:
- a. Path Forward is steadily working on rule changes to the state.
- E. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** - Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had thirteen plans. Eleven were adequate as follows: Herndon Trace Subdivision; 3104 HSDC Valet Lot and Greenway Extension; Andrews Chapel; Falls Village Development; Durham Rescue Mission-Phase II Dormitories; Duke University Chiller Plant #1 Waterline; Brightleaf Tract 6; Creekside at Bethpage-Phase 3; FedEx Distribution Warehouse facility and Brier Green Apartments. Two were inadequate due to no seeding plan: Greater Emmanuel Full Gospel Baptist Church and Christopher Perry Residence.
- F. Director’s Report** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- a. **Renovation on Judicial Building**- County has run into a small problem with the renovation on the outside of the Judicial Building due to the building being on the historical list, but the county is still going to renovate the inside of the building.
  - b. **NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Grant**- We received the grant agreement for \$22,000 from the NCADFP to purchase a no-till drill. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to execute the agreement with NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - c. **Truck Cover**- The truck cover is in need of repair. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the cost to repair the truck cover. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- G. Agricultural Cost Share Program**- Jennifer Brooks reported the following:
- a. **Application for Assistance**- Has 1 application for assistance on contract #32-2016-003 for livestock exclusion system. The ranking score was 70. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - b. **Approval of Contract**- Has 1 contract 32-2016-003 for a livestock exclusion system. The contract is in the amount of \$25,281. New beginning farmer so they qualify for 90% cost share. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - c. **Request For Payment**- has two request for payments that have already been signed by Ray Eurquhart:
    - A RFP for contract 32-2014-005 for \$432 was presented to the Board for livestock exclusion \fencing.
    - A RFP for contract 32-2015-002 for \$1,498 was presented to the Board for grassed waterway repair
  - d. **Remaining Funds**: \$13,555 for FY2016

## H. AgWRAP

- Funds Received this year: \$9,771. This is a decrease from last year.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance on contract #32-2016-801 for micro irrigation. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the application as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance on contract #32-2016-802 for Ag Pond Sediment Removal. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the application as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Approval of Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-2016-801 for microirrigation. The contract is in the amount of \$6,089 with a ranking score of 105. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Approval of Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-2016-802 for Ag Pond Sediment Removal. The contract is in the amount of \$3,382 with a ranking score of 95. New beginning farmer so they qualify for 90% cost share. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

## I. CCAP – Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- Application for Assistance** - A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to batch and approve the following 4 Applications for Assistance. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - 32-2016-532 for rain garden & streambank stabilization, Third Fork creek, Jordan. ISIP funding at 100%
  - 32-2016-533 for rain garden and cistern, Sandy Creek/Jordan.
  - 32-2016-534 for rain garden and streambank stabilization, Third Fork Creek/Jordan.
  - 32-2016-535 for two rain gardens, Third Fork Creek/Jordan.
- Contracts Durham 319 grant funds-** tabled until the next meeting
- Contracts for State Funds CCAP**
  - Has a contract for 32-2015-504 for impervious conversion to grass \$5,000, ranking score 195, A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Request for Payment-** Presented 4 RFP that have already been processed and signed by Ray Eurquhart:
  - 32-2016-523 for \$499 for the DSWCD 319 grant fund
  - 32-2016-526 for \$762 from the DSWCD 319 grant fund
  - 32-2015-530 for \$257 from the DSWCD 319 grant fund
  - 32-2015-537 for \$2104 from the DSWCD 319 grant funds
- Duke Energy Grant-** Received \$100,000 CCAP grant. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to execute the grant agreement with Duke Energy for \$100,000. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.  
**Hub Farm-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the preliminary plan of using the Hub Farm as the contractor for the Duke Energy Grant. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- J. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- a. **Ward Project**- Received notice from CWMTF that the district has been awarded \$400,000 for a stream restoration on the Ward farm.
  - b. **Southern High School Stormwater Project**-
    - Phase I- of the project is underway. The design on the restoration has been completed.
    - Phase II-A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to enter into the grant agreement with EEP on Phase II of the Southern High School Stream Restoration Project. The grant amount is for \$435,000. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- K. Durham Farmland Protection**- Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- **Annual Report**- draft has been presented to the board for approval. Tentatively scheduled to present the Annual Report to the BOCC on February 1.
  - **Six Priority areas for this budget year:** request new position for Ag Dev.; request 25K for economic development program for small grants for farmers, up to 1000; Explore land purchases for incubator farm; County local food purchasing program; Explore a meat producer transfer station and Explore pathways for horticulture students.
- L. NRCS** – Matthew Kinane reported on the following:
- a. **EQIP**
    - Ranking of application must be completed by Jan. 15, 2016
    - Preapproval of National, state and area pools will be made by February 12, 2016
    - Obligation deadline May 13, 2016.
  - b. **CRP**- General sign-up began in December 2015
  - c. **Engineering Spot Checks**- NRCS conducted spot check of Engineering and Non-Engineering practices installed and certified during the past fiscal year on December 3, 2015.
  - d. **Field Office Program Appraisal**- A field office program appraisal was conducted in Durham on December 3, 2015.
  - 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.
- M. NC Division of Soil and Water**- Louise Hart reported on the following:
- a. **The NCASWCD Annual Meeting**- will be held at the Sheraton Imperial in RTP, NC January 3-6, 2016.
  - b. Louise reported that she sends out a monthly report to districts in Area IV.

#### **New Business**

- A. **Election of Officers**- There being no further nominations Ray Eurquhart made a motion by acclamation to keep the officers the same. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent

**Adjourn:** The Chairman adjourned at 2:07pm

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2016 at 5:30pm** - 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton  
**Chairman**

Lisa Marochak  
**Senior Administrative Officer**

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**Approval date**