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

Meeting Number: 7 (District Meeting)

Date: August 1, 2016

Meeting Number: 1(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
Mark Dewitt, 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
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- Resource Conservationist
Becky Emmons- Citizen
Doug Anderson- City of Durham/Water Resources staff
Taylor Brinkley- Student
Philip Mwalali- Citizen

The regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, August 1, 2016, and called to order at 5:31pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701.

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

Old Business

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

- Still working on 2017 schedule
- UNRBA is still doing monitoring and credits as they were in FY16

B. Sediment & Erosion Control Plans- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following: that since the last meeting they have had 4 plans and they were all adequate as follows: Chapel Hill Blvd-storage center; Petty Road Self Storage; 84 Lumber New Facility and Van Alen.

C. Environmental Education – Jennifer Brooks report on the following:

- **Big Sweep**- Will kick-off on October 1st.
- **Educators Workshops** – We had a great turnout at the workshops we held the end of July. We had 9 Educators to attend the PLT workshop and 20 to attend the WOW workshop.
- **3rd grade Environmental Field Days**- will be held October 11th, 12th and 13th at the Dr. Robert's Environmental Education Park.

D. Director's Report – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- **Agricultural Building parking lot** – The County is going to issue parking passes starting in September for staff and visitors that park in Agricultural Building parking lot. There is a limited amount of parking spaces and they are having trouble with people parking in the lot that are going to other businesses.
- **Land Conservation Council** – Jennifer Brooks attended the meeting on July 20 for the Land Conservation & Water Protection. Once the model is done the City is going to take it to the City Council.
- **NJAA**- Received correspondence back from NJAA and forwarded it on to the subcommittee. Culberson is waiting to receive comments back from subcommittee. Please send any comments in regards to the correspondence to Eddie Culberson.
- **Hydrilla update in the Eno River**- SePRO has had good success with decreasing the hydrilla in the Eno River and is asking for additional money from the 6 entities.

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

- **FY17 allocation**- At the July Commission meeting they approved \$52,530 for our FY17 allocation

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

- 1) **Southern High Project/Phase I**- Construction started will be completed by the end of October. Plants will be grown and planted by the Southern High students.
- 2) **Ward Project**- currently under design and will be getting permits soon. Construction should begin in the Spring.
- 3) **CWMTF**- is converting to electronic claims. Lisa Marochak will be attending GMS Claims Processing training on August 9th.

G. CCAP – Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- 1) **EPA 319 CCAP grant**- A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to fully execute NC Department of Environmental Quality contract for EPA 319 CCAP Grant Award for \$100,000. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2) **Applications for Assistance**-A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to batch and approve the following 4 Application for Assistance. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 32-2017-532: Hodgson for grassed swale, Third Fork Creek, Jordan, ranking score 180.
 - 32-2017- 534: Hillandale Commons HOA for a grassed swale and critical area planting, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 175.
 - 32-2017-533: Scrap Exchange for impervious conversion, Sandy Creek, Jordan, ranking score 195.
 - 32-2017-535: Pathman for a rain garden and grass swale, New Hope Creek, Jordan, ranking score 190.
- 3) **Contracts** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to batch and approve the following 7 Contracts as presented. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 32-2017-502: Miller for \$5,790 for streambank stabilization, Third Fork Creek, Jordan, ranking score 190 (ISIP)
 - 32-2017-515: Quammen for \$2,033 for streambank stabilization, Northeast Creek, Jordan, ranking score 190 (Duke Energy).

- 32-2017-511: Castoe for \$5,000 for streambank stabilization, Third Fork Creek, Jordan, ranking score 195 (Duke Energy).
 - 32-2017-529: Manibo for \$14,210 for streambank stabilization, Third Fork Creek, Jordan, ranking score 195 (ISIP).
 - 32-2017-533: Scrap Exchange for \$5,000 for impervious conversion/cistern, Third Fork Creek, ranking score 195 (Duke Energy).
 - 32-2017-528: Myer for \$5000 for streambank stabilization, New Hope Creek, ranking score 185 (Duke Energy).
 - 32-2017-520: NCSSM for \$5,000 for cistern & critical area planting, Ellerbe Creek, ranking score 185 (Durham 319).
- 4) Request For Payment** - A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to batch and approve the following 2 RFP as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 32-2016-505: Deidre Harper Gonzalez for \$768 for rain gardens, Little Lick Creek, Jordan, ranking score 170 (Durham 319).
 - 32-2016-520: Tammy Wells Angerer for \$1471 for a cistern, Ellerbee Creek, Falls (319 funding).

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

- a. Associate Supervisor application-** We received an application from Becky Emmons to join the Durham SWCD Board as an Associate Supervisor. Applicants are required to attend 3 meetings before the board can consider their application. Next month will be Becky's 3rd meeting.
- b. Associate Supervisor video-** Eddie Culberson and Lisa Marochak will be doing a presentation at the 2016 Conservation Employees Training August 24 on Associate Supervisors. Katie Locklier is in the process of finalizing the Associate Supervisor video.
- c. Bank-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart for staff to open a separate checking account for items the district sells or rents. This will make it easier for reporting taxes. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- a. National Association of Conservation Districts Urban Agriculture Initiative** technical assistance grant of \$50,000 for Urban Ag technical assistance was awarded to Durham. Farmer Food Share, Reinvestment Partners, Interfaith Food Shuttle, Piedmont Conservation Council, DPS Hub Farm are the partners that submitted letters of support. The grant has an Initial Transaction Agreement that was signed and sent to the NACD on July 26, 2016. The NACD sent a check for \$5000. The formal packet will be issued by the NACD soon. Timetable and the deliverables include 8 training events. Two half day trainings with lunch and 6 breakfast with short presentations. The presentations will be hosted at the Bull City Cool and the DPS Hub Farm.
- b. BETC Summer Intern Program wrapped up its projects on July 28th.** 18 students and teachers worked **3240 hours** this summer installing 6 rain gardens, one critical area planting and one riparian buffer at Jordan High, Lowe's Grove Middle School & Morehead Montessori Elementary. The program was highlighted in The Durham Herald Sun on Sunday July 17, 2016.
- c.** The BMP's were cost shared by the Duke Energy Water Resources Grant. The Southern Agribusiness earned \$2764 for supplying the plants and transportation and the Friends of the Hub Farm earned \$11,513 as the contractors.

- d. **UL Award and recognition by the NAEF**-They will be announcing the finalists on their website in early August. Chris Hutton with the UL Innovative Education Award Team will be placing the posting and is sending a plaque. An interview was conducted on July 25th and the judges made the following recommendations; report more learning metrics, such as student improvement and job placement. Also, thought the relationship between the government entity and the nonprofit of the District was murky.
- e. **Alliance for Innovation** Ryan Spillers with the AIA sent a request to reproduce the TLG Conference presentation completed last month in Minneapolis in a webinar format.
- f. **Local Food Purchase Agreement by the Durham County Detention Center**
Elizabeth Zander reported that a meeting will be held on August 29th at 2 pm to tour the detention facility and discuss the feasibility of using locally grown products in the facility.

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

- a. **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**: Durham SWCD has scheduled its Local Work Group Meeting for Thursday August 18, 2016. The meeting will be held at 10:00 am in the SWCD's conference room. Local Work groups may offer ranking questions suggestions on the EQIP 2017. Local questions will account for no less than 30 percent of the ranking score for each ranking pool. All Local Work Groups meetings are to be completed by September 02, 2016.
 - For FY-2016, the Durham Delivery Point Office received 6 eligible applications in four funding pools (Seasonal High Tunnel System (3); Forestry (1); Organic Transition (1); and Irrigation Efficiency- Micro irrigation (1)). The estimated funding request exceeds \$47,447 for these six applications affording protection on 49 acres.
 - As of Friday July 01, 2016, Durham County has two applications that have been approved and both applications have been funded. To date, these two applications represent the following for Durham County:
 - \$20,412.00 of federal financial assistance
 - 38 acres under contract
 - 2 applications funded (represents 33% of applications going to contracts)
 - 2 funding pools represented (Forestry and Irrigation Efficiency- Micro irrigation)
 - Currently, the Durham Delivery Point Office has 4 applications representing approximately \$27,350.00 of unfunded financial assistance requests. These applications cover requests in two funding pools (Seasonal High Tunnel, and Organic Transition).

New Business:

- 1) **Resource Conservation Workshop** - One of the two students that the board sponsored to attend the 2016 RCW attended the meeting to give the District Board an update. Taylor Brinkley thanked the board for sending her to the RCW camp.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 6:59pm

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:30pm - 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

9-12-16
Approval date