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**Durham Soil and Water Conservation District
(SPECIAL MEETING)
721 Foster St.
Durham, NC 27701**

Meeting Number: 12 (District Meeting)
Meeting Number: 6(for State reporting purposes)

Date: January 19, 2017

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Katie Locklier, Secretary/Treasurer
Raymond Eurquhart, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
David Harris, Associate Supervisor
Kathryn Spann, Associate Supervisor
Mark Dewitt, 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
Lauren Parker, NRCS Soil Conservationist

A special meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, and called to order at 11:01am by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701.

Minutes/Financial Report– A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the minutes from the December meeting and accept the financial report Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

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

- The UNRBA met yesterday
 - UNRBA elected new officers at the UNRBA 1/18/17 meeting.
 - Seeking 3.8% increase in funds this year.
 - UNRBA is putting \$10,000 in their budget for an outside audit
- The next meeting will be held on March 15th

B. Environmental Affairs Board update- Mark Dewitt gave an update on the EAB Board and an update on the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Annual meeting that was held January 8-11 in Charlotte.

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

- **Conservation Action Team** –Division of Soil and Water is holding a series of listening sessions. Staff is planning to attend the one on January 23rd in Cedar Grove (Hillsborough). Supervisors are encouraged to attend. Ray Eurquhart would like to attend with the staff.
- **County Budget Hearing**- March 28th 9am-9:30am will be our department's budget hearing with the County Manager. Please let Lisa know if you are planning to attend.

D. AgWRAP- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Conservation Plans-** A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to batch and approve the following three conservation plans: for Lori Scoggins, Eliza Bordley and Larry Ricks as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Regional AgWRAP Applications** are due to the NC Division of Soil and Water. Jennifer Brooks presented two applications to the board for Big Table Farm LLC and Kevin Healy. Big Table ranked highest out of the two applications. A motion was by Katie Locklier to approve submitting the applications as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation applications-** A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve submitting the two applications as presented below:
 - Application for Eliza Bordley for micro irrigation and well \$12,550.31
 - Application for Lori Scoggins for micro irrigation and well \$17,405.96Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

1) Southern High Project

- **Phase II-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to enter into the Engineering agreement with Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. to conduct phase II of Southern Stormwater Project. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Phase I-** Need to finish By March 31st we will have planted the plant material

2) Dunbarton Project- Eddie Culberson reported that the Dunbarton stream restoration is a new project for the district to consider submitting an application to CWMTF.

- Incised stream that feeds into a 303(d) listed stream
- Culberson has met with the Dunbarton HOA board and they have sent a letter of intent stating that they would like to donate \$20,000 toward the project. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to proceed with submitting an application to CWMTF. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) CWMTF and EEG Funds paid since last meeting- Lisa Marochak reported that since the last meeting she has paid \$99,575 to Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc.

F. CCAP– Heather Dutra reported on the following:

1) EPA 319 grant- The Lobbying form for the EPA 319 grant needs to be signed by the Chairman and submitted to EPA.

2) Request for Payments- A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the following 2 RFP's as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- a. 32-2016-536: Jordan High PTA for \$949 for critical area planting, using Duke Energy Funds, ranking score 210.
- b. 32-2016-536: Jordan High PTA for \$3080 for two cisterns, using Duke Energy Funds, ranking score 210.

3) Contract Supplement

A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract supplement for NC School of Science and Math for \$2,871 Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4) Duke Energy Funds paid since last meeting- Lisa Marochak reported that since the last meeting she has paid the following RFPs: \$17,595 from the Duke Energy Grant funds.

G. NRCS Report- Lauren Parker gave an update on NRCS to the board and staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Area IV Spring Meeting-** Lisa Marochak reported that the Area IV Spring meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23rd in Edgecombe. Please bring \$25 to the next meeting if you are planning to attend.
- **Breakfast-** A motion was made by Katie Locklier to look into plan a future breakfast for the BOCC. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 12:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30pm at 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

3/6/2017
Approval date