

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 7 (District Meeting)

Date: August 14, 2017

Meeting Number: 2 (for State reporting purposes)

**Supervisors Present:**

Talmage Layton, Chairman  
David Harris, Supervisor  
Raymond Eurquhart, Supervisor  
Kathryn Spann, Associate Supervisor  
Becky Emmons, Associate Supervisor  
Natalie Murdock, Associate Supervisor

**Others Present:**

Eddie Culberson, Director  
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer  
Jennifer Brooks, Natural Resources Coordinator  
Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Services Mngr.  
Morris White, Durham Cooperative Extension Director  
Benjamin Fein-Smolinski, citizen

*A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, August 14, 2017, and called to order at 5:37pm by the Supervisor, David Harris and chaired by him until Chairman Talmage Layton arrived at 5:52. 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 David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**A. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues update**- David Harris gave an update

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

- **Annual Report**- Possibly take to a future BOCC work session. Lisa Marochak will send out a doodle poll to the board to see when the majority can attend.
- **Board Retreat**- Lisa Marochak will send out a doodle poll to the board to see when the majority can attend possibly the end of October of sometime in November.

**C. CCAP**- Mike Dupree reported on the following:

**1) Request for Application for Assistance Approval**

- **32-2018-516**: Dickerson for potential streambank stabilization and impervious conversion to vegetation and/or grass swale, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River Basin, ranking score 195. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the AFA as presented. David Harris seconded the motion.
- **32-2018-517**: Pomeroy for potential cistern, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River Basin, ranking score 175. A motion was made by David Harris to approve the AFA as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion.
- **32-2018-519**: Baurbous for potential cistern, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear River Basin, ranking score 140. A motion was made by David Harris to approve the AFA as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion.

**2) Request for Contract Approval:**

- **32-2018-514**: Curran for \$1,522 for rain garden and cistern, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River Basin, ranking score 165.

- **32-2018-517:** Pomeroy for \$1,920 for a cistern, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River Basin, ranking score 175.

3) Gave update on the Pocinki project.

4) **2017-2018 Keep Durham Beautiful Pollinator Grant Project-** Durham Soil and Water will be partnering with Keep Durham Beautiful to work with students to grow and plant pollinator plants as part of the BETC program. A copy of the press release was shared with the board.

**D. Administrative Officer-** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **Payments-**The following payments were made since the last meeting: \$30,168.50 from the Smith Richardson Foundation Grant; \$15,653.13 from the Long Leaf Collective Grant; \$4,673.00 from the EPA 319 grant; \$6,648 from the EPA 319 grant (old). We have closed out this grant. The beginning balance was \$8,750 with an interest of \$6.13. The new balance is now \$8,756.13.
- **State Fair/Soil and Water Booth-** The board agreed to do a “District Day” at the Soil and Water booth on October 19th. Lisa will send out a sign-up sheet to the board and staff. (Natalie, Kathryn, David, Becky and Ray volunteered to work at the booth)
- **319 Contract Agreement (amendment #2) -** A motion was made by Raymond Eurquhart to approve the 319 Contract Agreement (Amendment #2) as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Resolutions-** due by October 5<sup>th</sup> to the Area IV host County.

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

- Funds Available
  - \$42,412 in regular funds
  - \$20,000 remaining for livestock exclusion (319 grant funds)

**F. AgWRAP-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following

- Funds Available
  - \$8,589 in regular funds
- **Batching Period-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to batch the AgWRAP applications until the February 5, 2018 board meeting. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**G Sediment and Erosion Control Plans-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following: that since the last meeting they have had 14 plans and 13 were adequate as follows: 108 Celeste Circle; Innovation at Imperial Center; Wade Journey Homes-independence Park; Magnolia Creek Phase 1B thru Phase 4; Duke University Chiller Plant 1; 2101 Angier Ave; Patriot Business Park; TMC Page Road, an IAR Project; The Forest History Society; Lyon Residence; Duke Health-Arrington Office; The Treyburn Project; . 1 was inadequate for no seedling plan as follows: Duke University Union Drive.

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

- **Southern/Phase II-** Riverworks will be mobilizing this week. Southern High students will be growing most of the plants. We are trying to work around the paving of the bus parking lot at Southern High School.
- **Ward Project-** Construction will begin this week.
- **Walker Project-** survey has been completed and it’s now in the design phase.

- **Mabrey-Jackson Project-** When the design is 60% complete by November/December we can go for the permits.
- **Grant Funds paid-** Lisa Marochak reported that since the last board meeting \$16,826 in grant funds have been paid to Civil Environmental Consultants, Inc.

**H. Education-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Livestock & Pasture Management Field Day-** September 14<sup>th</sup> 8am-noon. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to allow Neil Frank to use the No-till at no cost since he is letting us use his farm for the Pasture Workshop. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Big Sweep-** Kicks off on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Environmental Field Days-** will be held October 3-5.
- **Area IV Envirothon Meeting-** September 13<sup>th</sup> at NCSU Butner Beef Cattle. The 2018 Area IV Envirothon competition will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Durham SWCD is hosting.
- **Conservation Contest-** a motion was made by David Harris to give \$30 to the 1<sup>st</sup> place teachers of the bookmark contest. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - Further discussion about the contest was tabled until the next board meeting.

**I. Ag Development/Durham Farmland Protection-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- **Farmland Board-** Kathryn Spann reported that the Farmland Board is planning a retreat on November 14<sup>th</sup> (12pm-4pm) to review the Farmland plan and determine the priorities for the FPAB moving forward in the 2017-18 FY. The FPAB would like to include members of the DFFN Coordinating Circle and staff from Cooperative Extension.
- **Farmer Mini Grant-** Subcommittee is planning to meet on August 29<sup>th</sup> in the Soil and Water Conference room. The committee is made up of SWCD board representative, Farmland Board representative, 2 farmers, Farmer Food Share representative, Soil and Water Staff, and Bull City Cool Hub representative.

**J. NRCS-** Eddie Culberson reported the following:

- Individual Dev Plans for SWCD employees seeking to be CCP certified will be re-scheduled asap.
- Diana and SWCD will be scheduling meeting with the Bordley's to discuss Forest Service recommendations for future management of their timber stand that would not require action till 2020 for a commercial thinning.
- Bruce Rider has been assigned as Team 10 lead until further notice by the area office.
- **Conservation Plan-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the conservation plan for Paul Adcock. He is in the process of getting a conservation easement (all in grassland with livestock exclusion). David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**K. Regional Coordinator-** Louise Hart reported on the following:

- **Draft copy of Area IV Policies-** Louise presented a draft copy of the Area IV policies that will be voted on at the Area IV Fall Meeting.

**New Business**

- A. Associate Supervisor-** Natalie Murdock has submitted an application to the board to become an Associate Supervisor. She has attended at least 3 meetings prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approved making Natalie Murdock an Associate Supervisor for the Durham SSWCD Board. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**B. Durham Cooperative Extension-** Morris White, Director of the Durham Cooperative Extension Service Center introduced himself to the board and told them about some the existing/new programs being offered in Durham.

**Adjourn:** The Chairman adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:30pm** at 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton  
**Chairman**

Lisa Marochak  
**Senior Administrative Officer**

9/11/2017  
**Approval date**