

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 8 (District Meeting)

Date: September 11, 2017

Meeting Number: 3 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
David Harris, Supervisor
Raymond Eurquhart, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
Mark Dewitt, 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.
Heather Dutra, Watershed Conservationist

A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2017, and called to order at 5:31pm by the Chairman, Talmage Layton. 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 August 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. Environmental Affairs Board- Mark Dewitt gave an update on the EAB.

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

- **NRCS**- Diana Lewis is no longer our acting DC. William Byrum is going to be the new acting DC for team 10.
- **Tour**- planning to take the Director of the NC Division of Soil and Water, Vernon Cox on a tour to show him some of our Ag Cost, AgWRAP and CCAP Project. Also, planning to take Steve Bevington with the NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources on a tour of some of our stream restoration projects.
- **BOCC meeting**- The Board would like to do a presentation for the BOCC in January or February. Lisa will send the board some possible dates.

D. CCAP- Heather Dutra reported on the following:

1) CCAP Regional Application

Requesting a letter of support for potential CCAP Regional Application(s) to be signed prior to Sept 29th by the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board Chair. Exact project costs are not calculated at this time; pending contractor estimates. Maximum request will be \$15,000. Potential projects to be submitted include 32-2018-516, 32-2018-501, and/or 32-2018-505.

- 32-2018-516 (Dickerson) for impervious conversion to vegetation, rain gardens, critical area plantings and structural stormwater conveyance, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 195.

- 32-2018-501 (Hillandale Commons HOA) for grassed swale and critical area planting, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 175.
- 32-2018-505 (Belfield) for streambank stabilization, Northeast Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 190.

A motion was made by David Harris to allow Talmage Layton to sign a letter of support prior to 9/29/17.

E. 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; \$702.90 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 5th to the Area IV host County.

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

1) Application for Assistance- a motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to batch and approved the following AFA as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **32-2018-001:** Keith Whitfield for field borders.
- **32-2018-002:** William O’Quinn for livestock exclusion (fencing).

2) Contracts

- A motion was made by David Harris to approve contract 32-2018-001 for Keith Whitfield for Field Borders. The contract is for \$2,393. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve contract 32-2018-002 for William O’Quinn for livestock exclusion. The contract is for \$1,877. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

3) Request for Payment- 32-2016-003: Jason Marbrey for livestock exclusion system. A request for payment in the amount of \$4795 was processed at the completion of this livestock exclusion system. RFP signed by Ray Eurquhart.

G Sediment and Erosion Control Plans- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following: that since the last meeting they have had 4 plans and 3 were adequate as follows: Cree Materials Expansion, Duke University East Campus Pedestrian Pathway, The Montessori School of Raleigh-Upper School. 1 was inadequate for no seedling plan as follows: Building 500 Demolition.

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

- **Southern/Phase II-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart for the Durham SWCD Board to enter into an agreement with DPS on the Southern HS-phase II project. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **Ward Project-** Construction started and 800 out of 3900 reach stream is complete.
 - Easement- A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the easement for the ward project that was signed prior to this meeting by the Durham SWCD Chairman. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **CWMTF-** Eddie Culberson is planning to attend the CWMTF trustees meeting that will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **Grant Funds paid-** Lisa Marochak reported that since the last board meeting \$18,200 in grant funds have been paid to Civil Environmental Consultants, Inc.

I. Education- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Big Sweep-** Kicks off on October 1st
- **3rd Grade Environmental Field Days-** will be held October 3-5.
- **Conservation Contest-** tabled until the next board meeting.
- **Bush hog District Land-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve up to \$300 to bush hog the land. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **Farmer Grant Program**

The County has allocated \$25,000 for an agricultural economic development pilot program for fiscal year 2018. A grant subcommittee met on August 29th and have prepared a draft application. The draft was approved by the county attorney's office. The program timeline is to release the application to the public by September 14th and applications will be accepted until October 13th. The review committee is scheduled to meet on October 20th at 1pm to review the applications and complete the evaluation criteria.

Grant awards will be announced October 25th. (See Draft application)

A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart for the board to approve the draft guidelines for the Farmer grant application.

- **BETC Program**

- 1. Smith Richardson Foundation Grant**

The final report for the grant was submitted last month. The findings from the research project (BETC Rain Garden curriculum) was submitted

- 2. The Longleaf Collective Grant**

The Grant from the Collective was utilized to pay teachers this summer and purchase supplies for the installation of BMP's. There is \$307 remaining from the grant that will be used to do maintenance on a riparian buffer planting at Ann Carr's residence in the Parkwood subdivision. This is a site that Southern High BETC program did an installation.

- 3. Duke Energy**

Duke Energy has selected the Durham District to be highlighted in a video. The Water Resources Fund has funded 73 projects for a total of six million dollars and Duke Energy has selected six entities to highlight in the video. The video will be used within the region and will part of a communications campaign for Duke Energy Foundation around the Water Resources Fund. They have reviewed the impact report from the grant, and they thought the project had great results for the community, which they would love to showcase with the Duke Energy audiences. The video is tentatively going to be produced at the Ann Carr residence on September 14th between 10am and 1pm.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:30pm at 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

10/2/2017
Approval date