

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 9 (District Meeting)

Date: October 2, 2017

Meeting Number: 4 (for State reporting purposes)

**Supervisors Present:**

Talmage Layton, Chairman  
Danielle Adams, Vice Chair  
David Harris, Supervisor  
Raymond Eurquhart, Supervisor  
Mark Dewitt, Associate Supervisor  
Melissa Rooney, Associate Supervisor  
Kathryn Spann, 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, October 2, 2017, and called to order at 5:33pm by the Chairman, Talmage Layton. The meeting was held at 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701.*

**Minutes/Financial Report**– A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the minutes from the September 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.

- Next EAB meeting will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

- **Durham SWCD Retreat**- Eddie Culberson is planning to meet with Peter Anlyan to discuss the agenda topics for the Durham SWCD Board Retreat on October 26<sup>th</sup> 8am-noon.
- **Tour on November 2**- Director of the NC Division of Soil and Water, Vernon Cox is planning to tour some of our Ag Cost, AgWRAP and CCAP Projects. We are planning to start the tour at 8am.

**D. CCAP**- Heather Dutra reported on the following:

- **Application for Assistance** 32-2018-519: Howanek for a potential cistern and critical area planting, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 155 (175 pending VNRP). A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the AFA as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract**32-2018-501: Hillandale Commons HOA for \$2,614 for grass swale and critical area planting, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 175. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract for 32-2018-501 as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Request for Payment** 32-2017-540: Pomeroy for \$5,000 for streambank stabilization, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 190. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the RFP as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- E. Administrative Officer-** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- **Payments-**The following payments were made since the last meeting: \$306.51 from the Longleaf Collective Grant and \$1,683.33 from the NACD Grant
  - **Duke Energy Water Resources Fund Agreement-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund Agreement as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - **Area IV Fall Meeting-** Please give Lisa \$25 by November 2<sup>nd</sup> if you are planning to attend the meeting.
  - **NCASWCD/NCCDEA Fundraiser-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams for the Durham SWCD Board to not participate in the selling of the raffle tickets this year. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - **Award-** Jennifer Brooks will be receiving the 2017 North Carolina Earth Science Educator award by the North Carolina Science Teachers Association Professional Development Institute in Greensboro on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Agricultural Cost Share Program-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:  
**6 months extension request-** a motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the 6 month extension for contract # 32-2017-003 for Danny Page. Ray Eurquhart 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 1 plan that was inadequate for no seedling plan as follows: Westpoint at 751 lot 6-7806 Hwy 751.
- H. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects –** Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **Dunbraton-** Durham SWCD has been awarded a \$325,000 CWMTF grant. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to execute the CWMTF Contract Agreement between Durham SWCD Board and CWMTF on the Dunbraton project. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - **Ward Project-** Construction started and 1500' out of 3900' reach stream is complete.
  - **Southern High School-Phase II-** 2 crews have been working on the project with River Works.
- I. Education-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Big Sweep-** Kicks off on October 7<sup>th</sup>. 6 cleanups have been done so far. By the end of October there will be a total of 15 cleanups done.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Environmental Field Days-** will be held October 3-5.
  - **Pasture Workshop-** We had 99 people in attendance and received lots of positive feedback. There was talk about doing a similar workshop next year.
- 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. The deadline for applications is midnight of October 15<sup>th</sup>. The grant review committee is scheduled to meet on October 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> to review the applications and complete the evaluation criteria for the applications. The committee will then make a recommendation to the Farmland Protection Advisory Board on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Ray Eurquhart and Melissa Rooney agreed to serve as the two Soil and Water representatives on the grant review committee.

- **BETC Program**
  - **Duke Energy-** Duke Energy has awarded the District \$26,500 from the Water Resources Fund in financial assistance for the BETC program. The funding would support the 2018 BETC Summer program.
    - Indira Everett, with Duke Energy requested two opportunities to highlight the grant award. She would like to set up a photo opportunity at Southern High on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm with the Principal and staff from Southern that have participated in the BETC program. She also wanted to appear before the BOCC on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to present a check to the District.
- **Expanding Opportunities for Minorities in the Local Food System** workshop for minority owned restaurants, minority farmers and minority students was held on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to 11am at The Pavilion (501 Foster St). Ray Eurquhart reported that the workshop was a huge success.

**New Business-** David Harris reported on the following:

- **State Fair/Soil and Water Booth-** Davis Harris reminded the board about the “Durham SWCD District Day” at the Soil and Water booth on October 19th. The State Fair Committee is in need of volunteers to help with setup on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please let David or Lisa Know if you can help.
- **Amazing Grazing-** flyer was distributed to the board.

**Adjourn:** The Chairman adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**Durham SWCD Board Retreat** will be held on **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 8am-12:00pm** at 4516 Roxboro Rd, Durham, NC 27704

**Durham SWCD Board Meeting- Monday, November 2, 2017 at 12:00pm** at 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701- a motion was made by Danielle Adams to move the November meeting to November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00pm.

Talmage Layton  
Chairman

Lisa Marochak  
Senior Administrative Officer

10/2/2017  
Approval date