

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 3 (District Meeting)

Date: April 2, 2018

Meeting Number: 10 (for State reporting purposes)

#### Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman  
Danielle Adams, Vice Chair  
Raymond Eurquhart, Financial Officer  
David Harris, 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  
Laura Marie Davis, citizen  
Louise Hart, Regional Coordinator- NC Division Soil and Water

*A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, April 2, 2018, and called to order at 5:37pm 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 March meeting. Raymond Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Old Business

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

- **State of the County Address**- Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham County Board of County Commissioner's presented the 2018 State of the County Address on March 26th. Jacobs mentioned Soil and Water and the small farmer grant in her speech.
- **Piedmont Conservation Council**- On April 25 Culberson will be taking over the PCC Chairman position for the next two years.
- **NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation**- Eddie Culberson reported that the Durham District received a \$2,000 grant from the NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation for renovating pastures. Neil Frank will be the recipient of the grant. Frank will receive up to \$1,000 in reimbursement for planting and a startup fencing kit. The district will receive the remaining \$1,000 to go toward a future Field Day workshop. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to enter into the agreement with the NCFSWC as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

##### B. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues and Soil and Water Commission- David Harris reported on the following:

- Gave update on the NC Soil and Water Commission and NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
  - UNC School of Government- Is moving to a 1 day training instead of 2 days. The training will be held in the Mountains, Piedmont and Coastal areas.
- Gave update on UNRBA
  - Still working on rules

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

- **EPA 319 Grant-** Request for Board Letter of Support for EPA 319 grant proposal
  - A proposal will be submitted by May 4, 2018 to request up to \$100,000 in EPA 319 grant funds for CCAP. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to support the EPA 319 grant proposal as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Applications for Assistance (AFA)** - a motion was made by Danielle Adams to batch and approve the 3 AFA as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - 32-18-532: Smith for rain garden and/or cistern design, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River Basin.
  - 32-18-533: Collins for streambank stabilization design, Eno River, Neuse River Basin (potential ISIP project).
  - 32-18-534: Jack for cistern design, Northeast Creek, Cape Fear River Basin.
- **Contract Cancellation** – Contract 32-2017-554 for Streambank stabilization/riparian buffer has been cancelled and \$15,000 in state cost share funds have been returned to the NC Division of Soil and Water.
- **CCAP Spot Check** date will be on Wednesday, April 25. At least one Supervisor needs to complete the CCAP spot checks with staff. Supervisor, David Harris is planning to attend.
- **New Revised CCAP Forms:** Business as usual after this meeting

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

- **Applications for Assistance-** a motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application for Assistance as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - 1) 32-2018-006: Bright Star Stables for a drinker and pipeline.
- **Contract** a motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - 1) 32-2018-006: Bright Star Stables for a drinker and pipeline in the amount of \$4,393; ranking score 45.
- **Spot Checks-** Jennifer Brooks will send out the date for the Ag Cost Share and AgWRAP spot check later this week. The following Supervisors are planning to attend: Danielle Adams, David Harris and Natalie Murdock.

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

- **Riverside High School-** Potentially, will be submitting partner grants for the remaining funds needed for the Innovative Stormwater Retrofits project at Riverside High School. Meeting with CWMTF on April 13 at Riverside HS to go over the project.
- **Dunbarton Project-** Starting survey this week
- **Fletchers-** potential future project.
- **Funds paid out-** \$18,900 was received and paid to CEC since the last meeting for Stream Restoration/Stormwater projects.

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

- **Awards Celebration** – will be held on May 31st at the AG Building in the 1st floor conference room and food lab.
- **Pond Clinic-** Will be held on May 5th at Keith Farm in Durham.

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

- **Area IV Envirothon-** Was held on March 22 and we had over 525 in attendance. Jennifer Brooks thanked everyone who volunteered. 10 teams from Durham competed and 4 qualified for the State Envirothon.
- **State Envirothon** - will be held on April 27-28. We are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please call Jennifer or Lisa.
- **2018 Bookmark Contest-** Lisa Marochak passed out the flyer for this year's bookmark contest for K-2. The theme this year is "Things in the NC Forest".
- **NC Envirothon fundraiser-** is holding a raffle for 2 tickets to the Biltmore, hotel accommodations and dinner for two. Tickets are \$10 each and all proceeds go to the NC Envirothon.

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

- **Agriculture Economic Development Grant Program.**
  - One Farmer has completed his project. Staff will inspect the site next week. A reminder of the grant deadline will be sent this month to all of the farmers.
  - All four schools have begun the projects and expect to have receipts turned in before the deadline.
- **Alliance for Innovation Award**  
*Bionomic Educational Training Center (BETC) A Goal 4 Strategic Plan Initiative* has been selected to receive an Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award from the Alliance for Innovation. All award recipients will be announced and recognized at the 2018 Transforming Local Government Conference in Tacoma Washington April 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **BETC Summer Program**  
The Summer team will be installing rain gardens and cisterns at four elementary schools this year. Merrick Moore, Southwest Elementary, E.K. Powe and Sandy Ridge Elementary. We are also planning to work at four farms, so far two farms have expressed an interest.
- **Local Food & the Durham Farm Food Network**  
The DFFN held a meeting on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the hiring of a consultant to develop a Comprehensive Durham Food system plan for Durham. The consultant will be hired by The Duke World Food Policy. The plan will discuss the four areas of interest, Farming & Natural Resources, Hunger, Economy & Health. The meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> was an opportunity for members of the community to share their ideas of a model food system. There were approximately 175 people who attended the forum.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Associate Supervisor-** Laura Marie Davis is interested in possibly becoming an Associate Supervisor.

**Adjourn:** The Chairman adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting- Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30pm.** 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Talmage Layton  
**Chairman**

Lisa Marochak  
**Senior Administrative Officer**

5-7-18  
**Approval date**