

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 4 (District Meeting)

Date: May 7, 2018

Meeting Number: 11 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Raymond Eurquhart, Financial Officer
David Harris, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Secretary/Treasurer
Becky Emmons, Associate Supervisor
Natalie Murdock, Associate Supervisor
Laura Marie Davis, 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, May 7, 2018, and called to order at 5:32 pm by the Supervisor, David Harris. 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 April meeting and accept the financial report. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. EAB Update- tabled until next meeting

B. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues and Soil and Water Commission- David Harris gave an update.
– Next Path Forward Meeting will be held on May 25th

C. 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.

D. CCAP- Heather Dutra reported on the following:

- CCAP Spot check completed April 25.
- EPA 319 Grant proposal for \$100,000 for CCAP was submitted May 3. \$4,999 of existing 319 grant funds are currently unencumbered.

- **Applications for Assistance (AFA)** - a motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to batch and approve the 10 AFA as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 1) 32-2018-531 Guyon for Streambank Stabilization/Stream Restoration designs, Ellerbe, Neuse.
 - 2) 32-2018-535 deMiranda for RG and/or cistern design, Ellerbe, Neuse.
 - 3) 32-2018-530 Lutz/Hube for Critical Area Planting and Swale design, Eno, Neuse.
 - 4) 32-2018-540 Sandy Ridge ES for critical area planting design, Eno, Neuse.
 - 5) 32-2018- 536 Hope Valley ES for plunge pool and swale with TRM design, Third Fork, Cape Fear.
 - 6) 32-2018-537 Merrick Moore ES for cistern, critical area planting, swale and rain garden design, Ellerbe, Neuse.
 - 7) 32-2018-538 Southwest ES for cistern, rain garden, and critical area planting design, Third Fork, Cape Fear.
 - 8) 32-2018-539 EK Powe for cistern, critical area planting, swale and rain garden repair design, Ellerbe, Neuse.
 - 9) 32-2018-528 Woodcroft HOA for critical area planting designs, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear.
 - 10) 32-2018-529 Bull City Cool for cistern and critical area planting design, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse.
- **Contracts** - a motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to batch and approve the 10 contracts as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 1) 32-2018-540 Sandy Ridge ES for \$5,000 for critical area planting installation, Eno, Neuse, ranking score 155.
 - 2) 32-2018-536 Hope Valley ES for \$5,000 for plunge pool and swale with TRM installation, Third Fork, Cape Fear, ranking score 190.
 - 3) 32-2018-537 Merrick Moore ES for \$5,000 for cistern, critical area planting, swale and rain garden installation, Ellerbe, Neuse, ranking score 180.
 - 4) 32-2018-538 Southwest ES for \$5,000 for cistern, rain garden, and critical area planting installation, Third Fork, Cape Fear, ranking score 190.
 - 5) 32-2018-539 EK Powe for \$5,000 for cistern, critical area planting, swale installation and rain garden repair, Ellerbe, Neuse.
 - 6) 32-2018-529 Bull City Cool for \$5,000 for cistern and critical area planting installation, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 155.
- **Special Exceptions**- a motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to batch and approve the 2 special exception contracts as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 1) 32-2018-528 Woodcroft HOA for \$10,000 for critical area planting installation, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear ranking score 180.
 - 2) 32-2018-530 Hube for \$5,151 for critical area planting and grass swale, Eno, Neuse, ranking score 180.
- **Request for Payment**- A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the RFP for 32-2017-546 Misegades for \$2,210 reimbursement for critical area planting and grass swale installation, Northeast Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 175. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **Applications for Assistance-** a motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the 2 Application for Assistance as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 1) 32-2018-007: Jason Marbrey for livestock exclusion fencing.
 - 2) 32-2018-008: Bright Star Stables for waste compost system for horse stable.
- **Contract**
 - 1) 32-2018-007: Jason Marbrey for Livestock exclusion fencing in the amount of \$1,697; ranking score 60. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Contract as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 2) 32-2018-008: Bright Star Stables for a waste system composter in the amount of \$23,180; ranking score 60. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Contract as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Spot Checks-** Will be held on May 24th for the Ag Cost Share and AgWRAP

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

- **Southern HS Phase II-** A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the contract extension for Southern HS/EEG. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Grove Park-** potential new 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.
- **Letter of Support-** A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to provide a letter of support for the Durham Roots Farmers Market to apply for a grant. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

G. Education- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Resource Conservation Workshop-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve for 2 students to attend the 2018 RCW. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Bookmark Contest-** Lisa Marochak thanked Cherri Smith and Natalie Murdock for judging the bookmarks. We received over 500 bookmark entries this year.

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

- **Agriculture Economic Development Grant Program.**

Three Farmers have completed their projects. David Heeks has decided not to pursue his grant funded project and has sent an email cancelling his contract. David Barrett has sent in a request for additional support in the amount of \$4,000. The grant committee recommends that David Barrett receive the additional support and the remaining \$1,000 to be offered to the next highest rank application.

All four schools have begun the projects and expect to have receipts turned in before the deadline.

- **Celebrating Minorities in the Local Food System Event**
Would the Board like to set a date for this event? Should the Chair appoint a planning committee?
- **BETC Summer Program-June 25th to July 27th**
Currently, there are 3 teachers and 25 students assigned to the project.
The Summer team will be installing rain gardens and cisterns at five elementary schools this year. Merrick Moore, Southwest Elementary, E.K. Powe, Hope Valley and Sandy Ridge Elementary. We are also planning to work at four farms so that students will gain a variety of experiences in animal and plant production.
- **Duke Energy STEM Grant with DPS**
The BETC Summer program has been awarded \$35,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation. This grant will be administered by the DPS system and will pay for teacher and student stipends and other expenses to administer the program.
- **UL Award**
The BETC Program was not selected for a cash award in this program year.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Associate Supervisor-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application for Laura Marie Davis to become an Associate Supervisor. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **FY19 Strategy Plan and BMP Certification-** A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the FY Strategy Plan/BMP Certification as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Committee

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

Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting- Monday, June 4, 2018 at 5:30pm. 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701 in the 2nd floor conference room.

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

6-4-2018
Approval date