

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 7 (District Meeting)

Date: October 1, 2018

Meeting Number: 2 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
David Harris, Supervisor
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor (phone)
Laura Marie Davis, Associate Supervisor
Natalie Murdock, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Natural Resources Coordinator

A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, October 1, 2018, and called to order at 5:36 pm by the Chairman, Talmage Layton. The meeting was held at 201 E Main St, 5th floor (Soil and Water Conference Room), Durham, NC 27701.

Minutes/Financial Report– A motion was made by David Harris to approve the minutes from the September meeting and accept the financial report. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. EAB Update- *Laura Marie Davis reported on the following:*

- Gave EAB update from the last meeting
- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3.

B. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues and Soil and Water Commission- David Harris invited attendees to the UNRBA Stakeholders meeting on October 24th 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Butner Town Hall. Handouts were shared with everyone in attendance.

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

- **Admin II Building-** The ribbon cutting/open house will be on October 15th at 10 am. Everyone is invited to attend. They will offer tours of the building after the ribbon cutting.
- **Watershed position-** We still are in the process of hiring someone to fill the Watershed Conservationist position.
- **Durham County Agricultural Economic Development Grant Program-** Eleven farmers and four schools were funded this FY. We have been to 9 out of the 11 farms and we are still working on the remaining two farms and four schools.

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

- **Riverside High School Project-** A couple of wetland cells with a reuse pond. We have submitted a grant for \$325,000 to CWMTF and a grant for \$200,000 to DWR.
- **Grove Park-** 2 reaches of stream that is 6,000 linear ft. The project is estimated to cost 1.4 million dollars. Staff spoke with DWR and they are recommending \$400,000 for Grove Park and the Grove Park HOA is contributing \$100,000. Also, staff is submitting a grant to CWMTF & Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative.

- **Potential Project/Ellerbe Creek-** Citizens along Farthing St. are interested in the district pursuing a section of Ellerbe Creek as a restoration project.
- **Walker-** Landowner scheduled to review plan and easement October 16. Project construction to start mid -late November.
- **Marbrey Jackson Project and Walker Project-** Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative (UNCW*I) Committee approved application for \$110 thousand and will forward recommendations to the Raleigh City Council.

E. Administrative Officer- Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **Area IV Fall Meeting** – November 15th in Halifax. Please give Lisa \$25 by October 31 if you are planning to attend.
- **Funds for Kitty-** We need to replenish the funds. Please bring \$ to the next meeting if you have not already done so.

F. Education- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Durham Big Sweep-** official cleanup day is October 6.
- **2nd Annual Tri-County Pasture Field Day-** Was held on September 27th at Roger’s Cattle Farm in Person County. We had 85 people in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Retreat follow-up-** Lisa Marochak will pick a date in November for the committee to meet. The subcommittees will meet after the new supervisors are elected. David Harris recommended for Natalie Murdock, Lisa Marochak and himself to serve as sub-committee for the retreat follow-up.
- **Wake Farm City Day-** Talmage Layton invited everyone to the Wake Farm City Day on November 20.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting- November 13, 2018 at 11:30 am

The meeting will be held at a location to be determined.

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

November 13, 2018
Approval date