

MINUTES

Durham Soil and Water Conservation District 201 E Main St/floor 5, Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Number: 7 (District Meeting)

Date: August 5, 2019

Meeting Number: 1 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Danielle Adams, Vice Chairman
David Harris, Supervisor
Natalie Murdock, Supervisor
Laura Marie Davis, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Services Mngr.
Jessica Perrin, Watershed Conservationist
Kyle Gentry, Natural Resources Conservationist
Jasmina Galanter, guest (2019 RCW student)
Rachel Galanter, guest

A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, August 5, 2019, and called to order at 5:31 pm by the Chair, Talmage Layton. The meeting was held at Soil and Water Conference Room, 201 E Main St, floor 5, Durham, NC 27701.

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the agenda as presented with the following changes: Under section, G add an S at the beginning of the first word, and under the section, I replace David Harris with Danielle Adams. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. EAB Update- *Laura Marie Davis gave update on the EAB.*

- *The August 7 EAB meeting will be held at 6:00 pm.*

B. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update- *David Harris gave an update on the UNRBA.*

- *The next Path Forward Committee meeting will be August 6th at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Town of Butner Town Hall.*

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

- **(New) Regional Coordinator with the NC Division of Soil and Water-** Allie Dinwiddie starts on August 19.
- Diana Irizarry is the new USDA/NRCS employee for Durham.
- County Ranger, Chris Hirni has accepted a position with Orange County DEAPR. His last day in Durham will be August 16.
- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)- had one site that dealt with streams. Waiting on funding decision from USDA/NRCS.

D. Administrative Report- Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- a. **Area IV Fall Meeting-** will be held Thursday, November 21st in Franklin County.
- b. **Resolutions-** due by October 10th to Franklin SWCD.

E. Community Conservation Assistance Program- Jessica Perrin reported on the following:

- **Applications for Assistance-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to batch and approve the two application for assistance as follows: **1)** 32-2020-501 (Strobino) for a 700-gallon cistern, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 175. **2)** 32-2020-502 (NC CES- Durham) for an 800-gallon cistern, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 150. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Contracts:**
 1. **32-2020-501 (Strobino) for \$1,804** for a 700-gallon cistern, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 175. FY19 319 Funds. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract for 32-2020-501 as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 2. **32-2020-502 (NC CES- Durham) for \$1,209** for an 800-gallon cistern, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 150. FY19 319 funds. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract for 32-2020-502 as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 3. **32-2019-529 (Perry/Naseem) for \$5,000** for four downspout disconnections and a riparian buffer, Northeast Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 180. \$1950 Interlocal Funds and \$3050 FY19 319 Funds (Pending final design.) A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract for 32-2019-529 as presented pending final design. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Request for Payment- Informational only** (*signed outside of board meeting by David Harris*): A motion was made by David Harris to batch and approve the five RFPs below that were signed outside of the regular meeting. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 1. 32-2019-525 (Coscolluela) for \$12,360 for streambank stabilization and rain garden, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 195. FY19 ISIP funds.
 2. 32-2019-526 (Brophy-Hilton) for \$422 for rain garden repair, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 205. FY16 319 Funds.
 3. 32-2018-541 (Duncan) for \$474 for rain garden repair, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 180. FY16 319 Funds.
 4. 32-2018-506 (Corwin) for \$2,337 for 1200-gallon cistern, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, ranking score 175. FY16 319 Funds.
 5. 32-2019-521 (Hillandale PTA) for \$6,199 for a critical area planting and a cistern, Eno River, Neuse, ranking score 200. FY16 319 Funds.
 - ❖ Jessica will check with the NC Division of Soil and Water to see what the policy is for signing in between meetings.

- **Request for Payment:**

A motion was made by David Harris to approve the RFP for contract # **32-2018-523**- Pocinki, for rain garden repair and cistern repair, \$1,027. FY18 Regional CCAP Repair Funds. This RFP completes the contract and \$53 will be returned to the Division. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **NIFA Grant RFP (informational only):** Pebble Creek HOA project for downspout disconnections, riparian buffer, and streambank stabilization for \$7,000 for BETC summer project. Project was completed and reimbursement check from PCC provided to Pebble Creek HOA.

E. Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP) and AGWRAP - Kyle Gentry reported on the following:

Ag Cost Share

- **Request for Payment** (*informational only-signed outside of board meeting by David Harris*)

A motion was made by David Harris to approve the RFP for contract # **32-2017-004**- Brightstar Stables, waterer & pipeline, \$2,458. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

AGWRAP

- **Application Request:**

A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the application for assistance for Tierra Negra Farm (Tahz Rufus Walker), irrigation well. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Contract Request:**

A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve contract **32-2020-801** for, Tierra Negra Farm (Tahz Rufus Walker), irrigation well, \$10,513. Ranking score 105. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Request for Payment** (*signed outside of board meeting by David Harris*): A motion was made by David Harris to batch and approve the two RFPs below that were signed outside of the regular meeting. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- 32-2018-801 (Nicole Owens) for \$7,361 for irrigation well.
- 32-2018-802 (Nicole Owens) for \$7,500 for irrigation well-supplemental contract.

Disaster Funds

- **Application Request:** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to batch and approve the two Applications for Assistance below. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- 32-2020-001 Patricia Russel, non-field farm road repair.
- 32-2020-002 Patricia Russel, non-field farm road repair.

- **Contract Request:**

- A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve contract **32-2020-001** for, Patricia Russel, non-field farm road repair, \$4,831. Ranking score 75. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve contract 32-2020-002 for, Patricia Russel, non-field farm road repair, \$4,831. Ranking score 75. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational

Tri-County Pasture Workshop: September 26, 9am-3pm, 3000 Breeze Rd, Hurdle Mills, NC
FY19 Spot Checks (update): Maintenance was completed and checked out on the Shephard pond.

- F. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects –** Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- Grove Park Project-** This is a 1.3 million project on 6,000 feet of stream. We received \$200,000 from DWR. Agreement forth coming.
 - Marbrey/Jackson-** the project should be finished by the end of the month. Kaitlin Burke with Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative (UNCWI) along with Walter Clark and Steve Bevington with CWMTF, came to see the project and said that it looks good.
 - Riverside High School-** Applying for EEG grant that will mimic the Southern High School project. Riverside High School will be able to use it for irrigating their fields.
 - Dunbarton-** will start this fall.
- G. Ag Development/Farmland Protection Advisory Board-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
(Provided handout and gave update)
- **Ag Grant Program-** Committee revised the application and it is online. The staff held three grant training sessions in July 2019 for farmers. Applications are due by August 30, 2019 and grant applicants will be notified by September 15, 2019.
 - **BETC Summer Program-** The Awards ceremony and BETC intern presentations were held on Thursday, July 25th. The Durham Farm Bureau and the Farmland Protection Advisory Board provided the lunch. The students prepared a report highlighting the summer program and its accomplishments. Two Durham County Commissioners, one DPS Board member, several parents, and three guests from sites that students installed BMPs were in attendance. The program report is on our website.
 - **Farmland Board-** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 15th at 8:00 am. The FPAB Ordinance Committee is working on updating the ordinance.
- H. Environmental Education Report-** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- **NCF Envirothon-** Was held July 28-August 2 in Raleigh at NCSU and the team from North Carolina placed 2nd! A total of fifty-two teams participated including two teams from China and five teams from Canada. Lisa thanked Jessica Perrin, Eddie Culberson, David Harris, and Kyle Gentry for volunteering at the event. The event wouldn't have been successful without the help of volunteers.
 - **Environmental Field Days-** Will be held October 22-24 at the DPS HUB Farm.
 - **Big Sweep-** The event will kick-off on October 5

- I. **Bahama Community Park Committee Update-** Danielle Adams gave an update to the Durham SWCD Board on the advisory committee meeting that was held on June 25. David Harris, Danielle Adams, Eddie Culberson, and Lisa Marochak represented Durham Soil and Water at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resource Conservation Workshop student-** Durham SWCD sponsored Jasmina Galanter from Riverside High School to attend a weeklong summer camp that was held at NCSU. She was chosen because of her interest in natural resource conservation. Jasmina attended the Durham SWCD Board on August 5 and thanked them for awarding her a scholarship to attend the RCW. Also, she talked about her camp experience and what it meant to her.
- B. **Unified Development Ordinance-** David Harris reported that the ordinance is in the process of being updated and they are looking for people to sit on the committee. This will be a 3-year commitment. Please contact David Harris if you or someone you know is interest in serving on this committee.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting – September 9, 2019 (second Monday) at 5:30 pm
The meeting will be held at the Admin II Building (201 E Main St, floor 5, Durham, NC 27701) in the Soil and Water Conference Room.



Chairman



Senior Administrative Officer



Approval date

