

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 1 (District Meeting)

Date: February 3, 2020

Meeting Number: 6 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Curtis Richardson, Secretary/Treasurer
David Harris, Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Services Mngr.
Jessica Perrin, Watershed Conservationist
Emily Bateman, Natural Resources Conservationist

A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, February 3, 2020, and called to order at 5:47 pm by the Chairman, 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 David Harris to approve the minutes from the December meeting and to accept the financial report. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the agenda as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. Environmental Affairs Board Update- *Lisa Marochak reported for Laura Marie Davis on the following:*

- A copy of the changes made to the County's Sedimentation and Erosion Control regulations were shared with the Soil and Water Board. EAB would be glad to hear input from Durham SWCD on what revisions they would like to see, if any.
- Provided additional EAB updates to the board and staff.

B. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update- *David Harris reported on the following.*

- The next Path Forward Committee meeting will be February 4 at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Town of Butner Town Hall.
- Gave an UNRBA update and provided handouts for everyone in attendance. The UNRBA Falls Lake Regulatory Forum will be held on February 12th in Durham at the Rolling View Community Center.

C. Directors Report- *Eddie Culberson reported on the following:*

- **FY2021 County Pre-Budget meeting** with Goal 4 was held on January 10.
- **The FY2021 Budget Hearing with the County Manager** will take place on March 26th at 10:45 am.

- D. Administrative Report-** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- a. **Area IV Fall Meeting-** will be held Thursday, February 27th in Granville County. Please bring \$30 this week if you are planning to attend.
 - b. **Supervisor Terms-** Durham SWCD has two supervisor positions where terms will end in December 2020. Elected positions who wish to continue service will need to file for election in the June/July timeframe; appointed positions who wish to continue service will need to have reappointment forms submitted via SharePoint in October. Curtis Richardson is in the appointed position and Danielle Adams is in the elected position.
 - c. **NCASWCD 2nd Vice-President nomination from the Piedmont-**David Harris expressed his interest in running for the 2nd Vice-President seat. Discussion was tabled until the next meet.
 - d. **BB&T CD renewal-** A motion was made by David Harris to change the CD that is up for renewal to one with 1.49% interest for 6 months. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Applications for Assistance

- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the application for assistance for 32-2020-512 (Pomeroy) for streambank stabilization, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River, ranking score 190. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the application for assistance for 32-2020-513 (Gallis) for impervious surface conversion to permeable pavement, Northeast Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 150. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cistern Workshop- Durham SWCD is co-hosting a free Cistern Workshop with Durham County Cooperative Extension and NC Cooperative Extension on February 24th at 721 Foster St. A motion was made by David Harris to authorized staff to spend up to \$100 on refreshments for the event. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational

Gave an overview of the Elon field trip. Durham SWCD hosted a Water Quality BMP Tour Day for 16 Elon University students for Dr. Janet McFall's environmental science class on January 9th.

E. Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)– Emily Bateman reported on the following:

Application for Assistance:

- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the application for assistance for 3. 32-2020-006 (Owens) for micro-irrigation, ranking score 75. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Contract:

- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the contract for 32-2020-003, Steven Holder, Heavy Use Area (revised contract), \$1,394. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the contract for 32-2020-004, Tahz Walker, Micro-Irrigation (revised contract), \$20,000. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the contract for 32-2020-006 (Owens) for

micro-irrigation, ranking score 75 in the amount of \$12,000. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RFP Request

A motion was made by David Harris to approve the RFP for contract 32-2020-003 (Steven Holder), Heavy Use Area, in the amount of \$1,394. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A. Disaster Funds (Informational Only):

RFP signed outside Board Meeting

1. 32-2020-001, Patricia Russell, Non-Field Farm Rd Repair, \$4,381
2. 32-2020-002, Patricia Russell, Non-Field Farm Rd Repair, \$7,667

B. Informational

- Received Job Approval Authority for 3 practices (Conservation Crop Rotation, Cover Crop and Residue Management/ No-Till
- Division Program Review on Durham SWCD, Tuesday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 19, 2020
- LAC meeting, Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00am at 721 Foster St

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

- a. **Marbrey/Jackson-** had about five areas that had eroded when we did the walk through with the granting entity. A final walk through will be done after the repairs are made.
- b. **Dunbarton Project-** Final walk through was done with the granting entity and project looked good.
- c. **Lick Creek Project-** Received a call from CWMTF regarding the City crossing through the project. Eddie Culberson and Lisa Marochak walked the site and it didn't find any issues.

G. Ag Development/Farmland Protection Advisory Board- Mike Dupree reported on the following: (Provided handout and gave update)

- **Agriculture Economic Development (AED) Grant** - The AED grant committee will be meeting on Tuesday February 4, 2020 at 201 E. Main Street room 512 at 1:30pm.
- **Farmland Protection Advisory Board (FPAB)**
 - Breakfast/workshop- on January 16, 2019, 42 citizens attended breakfast to hear information regarding the opportunities for growing Hemp.
 - The next FPAB meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2020 at 8am and will meet in the 2nd floor conference room at 721 Foster St. Durham, 27701.
 - Durham SWCD representative on the Farmland Board- A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to appoint David Harris to be the Durham SWCD representative on the Farmland Board. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

H. Environmental Education Report- Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **Durham SWCD Environmental Education Conservation Contest Entries-** due by this Friday at 5:00 pm.
- **Area IV Envirothon-** will be held in Franklin County on Thursday, March 19th at Owens Park.

- **NC Envirothon-** will be held April 24-25 at Cedar Rock Park. Please contact Lisa if you would like to volunteer.
- **Letter of Support-** Two students from Northern High have asked the board to submit a letter of recommendation for each of them to the NC Foundation of Soil and Water Conservation. They are applying for the Careers in Conservation Scholarship. A motion was made by David Harris for Lisa Marochak to write a draft letter for the two students for Chairman, Talmage Layton to sign. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Specialty License Plate-** The NCASWCD is trying to get a “First In Conservation” specialty license plate, but they have to get 500 people to commit to buying one before DMV can create the mold. Please let the Durham staff know if you are interested in getting one of the license plates.
- **Creek Week 2020-** Jessica Perrin reported that Creek Week will be celebrated from March 14th to March 21st. There are numerous events open to the public.
 - **City/County clean-up-** Durham staff are partnering with the City of Durham’s Water Management Department to host another littler clean-up on March 17th.

I. **Bahama Community Park Committee Update-** David Harris reported that they board is not scheduled to meet until 2/25/20.

J. **NRCS Update-** Eddie Culberson presented report in absence of Supervisory Soil Conservationist, Diana Irizarry.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **County Stormwater fee proposal-** the board discussed the proposed fee.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting – March 2, 2020 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

3/2/2020
 Approval date