

**Durham Soil and Water Conservation District
4803 Cheek Rd
Durham, NC 27704**

Meeting Number: 5 (District Meeting) Date: May 31, 2012
Meeting Number: 11 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Secretary

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Soil Conservationist/EE Coordinator
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist
Steve Bennett, Area IV Coordinator/NCAGR
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Thursday May 31, 2012, and called to order at 8:12 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at the Redwood Ruritan, the Chairman was present.

1. Minutes and Financial Report – A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to accept the financial statement and approve the minutes. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

2. Old Business

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

- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for Ag Pond -sediment removal only, on contract # 32-12-11-09. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-11-09 for Ag Pond-sediment removal only. The contract amount is a total of \$3,000 for Ruth McDaniel's, \$2,686 from ACSP & \$314 from AgWRAP. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Spot Check-** Ag Cost Share & Ag Wrap Spot Checks were completed on May 22nd. The District did 5 spot checks. Supervisor, Ray Eurquhart and Supervisor, Danielle Adams attended the spot check.
- **Allocation remaining-** \$0

B. AgWRAP- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Allocation remaining-** There is \$508 remaining
- **Supplemental Allocation of Cost Share Funds-**The NC Soil and Water Commission has drafted a policy to address how Districts can qualify for Supplemental allocations of cost share funds (if they are available each Winter). Brooks passed out a copy of the policy to the supervisors and staff. Brooks asked the Supervisors to review the policy and send her any comments they want forwarded on to the Commission.
- **Next FY-** Steve Bennett reported that right now, there is \$1 million in AgWRAP---for next year, non-recurring. May not stay there and may increase.

C. CCAP – Watershed Conservationist, Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance for Cathy Brennan, contract #32-12-537-15 for 550 gallon cistern. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance for Bernadette Page, contract #32-12-538-09 for a rain garden and cistern. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the application as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-537-15 (Cathy Brennan) for \$1,679. The contract is for a 550 gallon cistern. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract as presented pending signatures. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-533-09 for rain garden for McKay. The contract amount is \$535. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the contract as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-538-09 for a 500 gallon cistern. The contract amount is \$1,228 from the EEG fund for Bernadette Page. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract Change/Correction-**
 - a. **Maurice Darden/contract 32-12-516-15** = change in funding approved to use \$2,108 from the Jordan 319 funds, have changed funding source to \$1,286 from CWMTF and \$822 JL319 Funds. This change fully utilizes the CWMTF and allows the district to hold the JL319 funds for other work.
 - b. **Randy Bock/contract # 32-12-536-15**= contract supplement number was assigned per divisions request.

D. Environmental Education- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Educator Workshop's-** Lisa Marochak and Jennifer Brook's will be holding Educator Workshop's the week of July 16th-20th. We are in need of funds to help put on the week long workshop. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to allow staff to spend no more than \$300 for the Teacher Workshops. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

E. Watershed Rules- Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- **Letter of Support:** Peter Skillern- Mike Dupree reported that Peter Skillern, with Reinvestment Partners' is asking for a letter of support from the District Board. The Letter of Support would be for Reinvestment Partners' redevelopment initiative to create a food hub for Durham that will provide cool storage, warehouse and food processing facilities for regional small scale farmers and for nonprofits working to provide food security for at risk low income citizens. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to support Peter Skillern by writing a letter of support from the District Board. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

F. NRCS – Matt Kinane reported the following:

- **NRCS Listening Session-** June 5th 9am-3pm in Raleigh

3. New Business:

- **2012-2013 State Budget** – Lisa Marochak presented a draft copy of the 2012-2013 State Budget to the board. A Motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the State Budget as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **2012-2013 Annual Plan of Work-** Lisa Marochak, presented a draft copy of the 2012-2013 Annual Plan of Work to the board. A Motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Annual Plan of Work as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Phase V-** Curtis Richardson reported that the News and Observer will be doing an article on the Sandy Creek Phase V Project.

- 4. Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned at 9:00 pm.
Next Meeting: Monday, July 9th at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton - Chairman

David Adams - Secretary/Treasurer