

MINUTES

Durham Soil and Water Conservation District
721 Foster St.
Durham, NC 27701
(second floor conference room)

Meeting Number: 9 (District Meeting)

Date: September 14, 2015

Meeting Number: 3 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Financial Officer/Supervisor
Katie Locklier, Treasurer/Secretary
David Harris, Associate Supervisor
Melissa Rooney, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Natural Resources Coordinator
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist
Jessica Pope, Contract Worker

The regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, September 14, 2015, and called to order at 5:20 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at 721 Foster Street.

Minutes/Financial Report– A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the minutes from the July meeting and accept the financial report for August. Katie Locklier seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Old Business

A. District Issues

- a. **Whitepaper** – The Board discussed the General Statute 139 (GS139). Staff submitted an agenda action form for the BOCC to get on the August 3 worksession agenda to discuss GS139. Deputy County Manager, Drew Cummings pulled the agenda action form because he would like the County and City to it. Culberson will inform the District Board regarding the September 8th BOCC Work Session
- b. **Office Relocation** – Culberson shared the floor plan for the renovation of the Judicial Building.
- c. **50th Anniversary** – Curtis Richardson, Talmage Layton and Eddie Culberson met with the Bayer Crop Science representatives and toured their facility. Bayer Crop Science has offered the use of their covered shelter and to provide the lunch for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Lisa Marochak is planning to mail out the invitations next week. The board agreed to present Bayer Crop Science with a plaque at the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

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

- a. Harris attended the Path Forward Committee meeting on September 1
 - UNRBA Nutrient Credit Project update was given
 - Falls Lake Rules are being rewritten after September
 - A power point on the Green infrastructure in South Ellerbe Creek was shown at the last Path Forward Committee meeting.

- b. The next Path Forward committee meeting will be held on October 6th.

C. Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update – No Report

D. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans - Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had eleven plans. Ten were adequate as follows: Star Solar Site; Durham County Wildlife Club; Gateway Center Apartments; KIPP Durham-Renovation & Expansion Phase I; Duke University- CAE Utility Improvements; Apex School of Theology; Harris Distributing-Grading; The Villages at Culp harbor-Phase II; RTI International Grading Activity; BCBSNC. Rustica Oaks New was inadequate due to no seeding plan.

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

- a. **New Position**- the new Watershed Conservationist position has been posted and will close on September 18th.
- b. **Hydrilla Task Force**- is meeting on September 24th to discuss what has been done so far to treat the hydrilla.
- c. **Budget Amendment**- Culberson is planning to attend the Board of County Commissioner meeting on September 15th. Soil & Water is requesting a budget amendment to add money (\$25,000) receive from Reinvestment Partners. The money will be used to hire a contractor.

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

- a. **FY16 Allocation**- Waiting on state budget to pass for FY16 funding. We initially received 30% (\$15,000) of last year's allocation plus a refund of \$13,378 from a canceled contract, for a total of \$28,378. We have allocated \$19,921 which leaves us with a balance of \$8,457 remaining until the state budget is passed.
- b. **Contract Supplement**- for contract # 32-2016-001 long term no-till on 132.88 acres in the amount of \$19,921. Katie Locklier made a motion to approve the contract supplement as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

G. AgWRAP

- No new business to report. Waiting on State budget to pass for FY16 funding

H. CCAP – Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- a. **319 DSWCD Grant update**- The northeast Creek WIP checklist was approved and we can now cost share in NE Creek
 - Also, the Little Lick Creek area is approved for the use of 319 funds
- b. **Application for Assistance** - A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the Applications for Assistance for 32-2016-509 for a cistern and grassed swale. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- c. **Contracts Durham 319 grant funds**- A motion was made by Katie Locklier to batch and approve the following 5 Contracts. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - 32-2016-509 for critical area planting, \$5000, ranking score 175, Third Fork Creek, Jordan, DSWCD 319 grant
 - 32-2016-505 for two rain gardens \$768, ranking score 170, Little Lick Creek, DSWCD 319 grant
 - 32-2016-519 for cistern \$1678, ranking score 165, Falls

- 32-2016-520 for a cistern and 60' of streambank stabilization \$3762, ranking score 185, Ellerbe Creek, Falls, DSWCD 319 grant
 - 32-2016-521 for streambank stabilization \$5000, ranking score 185
- d. **Approval of Contract using ISIP County Funds** - Has 1 contract 32-2015-501 for 221 feet of Streambank stabilization, \$16924.45 (100% financing), ranking score of 185. A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- e. **Approval of Contract using Durham Stormwater Services Funds** - Has 1 contract 32-2015-503 for a rain garden \$313, ranking score of 150. A motion was made by Katie Locklier to move \$97 from the Durham Stormwater monitoring funds to use for this contract and to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- f. **Approval of Contract using State Funds CCAP & EEG**- Has 1 contract 32-2015-508 for Streambank stabilization, \$5000 (50% cost share), ranking score of 200. A motion was made by Katie Locklier to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- g. **Request for Payment**
- 32-2015-526 \$405 DSWCD 319 funds & 4381 of CCAP Funds, RFP was signed by Ray Eurquhart on August 20, 2015.
 - 32-2015-506 \$641 EEG funds, RFP was signed by Ray Eurquhart on September 8, 2015.
- h. **2015 Conservation Employees Training**- Spot check report summary was presented at the 2015 CET and Durham had the highest # of active contracts.
- i. **NC DENR**- Rules are going to change for BMPs and will impact CCAP BMP.
- I. **Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- a. **Sandy Creek** – we have received some concerns from citizens near the Sandy Creek project that they have an increase in mosquitos.
 - b. **Ward Project** – Applied for \$400,000 grant with CWMTF. The CWMTF Board Trustees are meeting on September 23-24. Hope to receive word after that on funding.
- J. **Administrative Report** – Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- a. **State Fair**- Durham Soil & Water will be working at the Soil & Water booth on October 20th 9am-1:30pm. Please let Lisa Marochak know if you are planning to work at the booth.
 - b. **Area IV Resolutions** – Due by October 8th to Wilson.
 - c. **Area IV Fall meeting**- will be held in Wilson on November 19. Please bring \$25 to Lisa Marochak by the October 31, if you are planning to attend.
 - d. **Pond Clinic**- staff is meeting on September 22 with Orange Soil & Water staff to discuss having a joint pond clinic.
- K. **Durham Farmland Protection**- Jessica Pope reported on the following:
- a. **Farmers Market**-
 - Northgate Mall Representatives Melodie Pugh, Brian Wilkerson, and Ginny Bowman reported that Northgate mall is interested in hosting the “Durham Producer Only” Market.
 - Northgate is willing to put together a market list serv from their email list
 - The Farmland Board would be able to setup a booth at any of their events
 - Northgate is willing to put up Market signs and a large banner that can be seen from I85

- Still working on logistics
 - The Farmland Board is going to look into copying the agreement that was used by the South Durham Farmers Market. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
 - **County Manager meeting-** a meeting is scheduled with the Assistant County Manager Drew Cummings and Marqueta Welton to discuss the Durham County Central Market.
 - **Farmer Food Share-** Contractor, Jessica Pope has been compiling a list of producers interested in GAP training.
- b. **Bull City Cool-** the opening took place on September 10th and the Farmland Board helped sponsor the breakfast.

L. **NRCS** – Matthew Kinane reported on the following:

- a. **New Delivery Service Model** – The planned service delivery model will divide the state into 18 work units. The Durham Office will be part of a 4 county work unit
- b. **Local Work Group Sessions-** the District will need to host a Local Work Group Session this summer to prioritize resource needs for FY16. Meetings must be completed by September 18, 2015.
- c. **NC Forest Service-** Kinane attended the Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine and information meeting for Orange/Durham on August 20^t. Durham, Orange and Wake counties have been added to the quarantine area for the emerald ashe borer. Hardwood Forest products are prohibited from being transported out of the county without the proper permits.
- d. **Avian Influenza Outbreak-** If an HPAI outbreak occurs in North Carolina, the response will be coordinated by NC Department of Agriculture (NCDA). The response will focus on virus containment and management. Check the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services website <http://ncagr.gov/avianflu/> for current information and updates.
- e. **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands-** The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be taking applications for the CRP Grasslands. Interested parties should contact the Farm Service Agency office for additional information. The CRP Grassland Rental Rate will be \$15 per acre for Durham County.
- f. **Conservation Plan & Contracts-** A motion was made by Katie Locklier to batch and approve the following 4 Conservation Plans. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - for 6.9 acres in Durham County
 - for 27.7 acres in Durham County
 - for 67.1 acres in Durham County
 - for 42.8 acres in Durham County

A motion was made by Katie Locklier to batch and approve the following 4 Conservation Applications and Agreements. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- for 6.9 acres, for CRP in Durham County
- for 27.7 acres, for CRP in Durham County
- for 67.1 acres, for CRP in Durham County
- for 42.8 acres, for CRP in Durham County

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 7:27pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2015 at 5:30pm - 721 Foster St Durham, NC 27701

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

10/5/2015
Approval date