

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 3 (District Meeting)

Date: March 7, 2022

Meeting Number: 9 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors and Associate Supervisors Present (In person): Talmage Layton- *Chair*; David Harris- *Financial Officer*; Kenyon Browning- *Supervisor* and Jillian Riley- *Associate Supervisor*. **(Virtual):** Mark DeWitt-*Vice Chair*; Anjali Boyd-*Secretary/Treasurer*; Melissa Rooney- *Associate Supervisor*; Sheena Mathews- *Associate Supervisor*.

Others Present (In person): Eddie Culberson- *Director*; Lisa Marochak- *Senior Administrative Officer*; Emily Bateman- *Natural Resource Coordinator*, Sherry Scully- *Ag Development Coordinator*; Saad Masood- *Agribusiness & Environmental Services Manager*; **(Virtual):** Diana Irizarry- *NRCS*; Matt Kopac- *guest*

A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, March 7, 2022, and called to order at 5:30 pm by the Chair, Talmage Layton. The meeting was hybrid. Those in person met at the Durham Farm Bureau Bldg. and Virtually via Zoom.

Conflict of Interest Statement– read by Anjali Boyd.

Minutes– A motion was made by David Harris to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Mark DeWitt seconded the motion. A roll call was done, and all voted yes in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Acceptance of the Financial Report- A motion was made by David Harris to move to accept the financial report as presented. Kenyon Browning seconded the motion. A roll call was done, and all voted yes in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda- David Harris motioned to approve the agenda as printed. Mark DeWitt seconded the motion. A roll call was done, and all voted yes in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. Environmental Affairs Board (EAB)- Jillian Riley reported on the following:

- **Provided an EAB update**
- Reminded everyone that Creek Week will take place the week of March 13th
- **Next meeting**- March 2.

B. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update- *David Harris*

- **No report**

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

- **New Durham County Manager** – Dr. Sowell will be starting on March 14th.
- **FY2022-2023 Budget Request**
 - The Soil & Water Department requested the following increases for the upcoming FY23 budget request. 1) Full Time Community Outreach Coordinator position 2) Additional Travel and Training funds.

- **ACSP Manager-** John Beck formally from Wake SWCD is now the new ACSP Manager with the Division of Soil & Water.
- **PCC** – Kim Lahman with Piedmont Conservation Council has resigned from her job with PCC. The council is in the process of looking of her replacement.
- **Residence Survey-** The residence survey has been released to the public

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

- **NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission-** will meet on March 16th in Yadkinville, NC

F. Community Conservation Assistance Program- Saad Masood reported on the following:

Application

- 32-2022-506 (Bently) for swale and downspout, Cape Fear, Jordan, with a ranking score of 150, City Interlocal funding. A motion was made by David Harris to approve the application as present for 32-2022-506. Anjali Boyd seconded the motion. A roll call was done, and all voted yes in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Contacts (for approval): A motion was made by David Harris to batch and approve the contracts as follows:

- 32-2021-534 (Bankson) for Rain Garden and Cistern, \$3,065, Ellerbe Creek Neuse, EPA 319 funds.
- 32-2022-504 (Fortunes Ridge Homes) \$3,750, Critical Area Planting, Third Fork Creek, Cape Fear. EPA 319 funding.
- 32-2022-507 (Thoumsin) \$2250, Cistern, Ellerbe Creek/Neuse. EPA 319 funds.
- 32-2022-508 (Sundramoorthy) \$5000 Cistern & Rain Garden, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. EPA 319 funds.
- 32-2022-511 (Parish) \$94 and \$9,000, swale & rain garden, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. SSCF and FY22 ISIP funds.
- 32-2022-512 (Dawson) \$4906, Downspout, Swale, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. SSCF funds.
- 32-2022-513 (Lipscomb) \$50 & \$1700, Swale, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. SSCF & FY22 ISIP funds.
- 32-2022-514 (Smith) \$2517, Swale, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. SSCF funds.
- 32-2022-515 (Odon) \$5,697, Downspout, Swale, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. SSCF funds.
- 32-2022-516 (Delaney) \$150 & \$3465 Swale, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. SSCF & ISIP funds.
- 32-2022-518 (Green) \$1214 & \$3194, Downspout & Rain Garden, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse. SSCF & EPA 319 funds.
- 32-2022-517 (Brunson) \$3770, Swale, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, SSCF Funds
- 32-2022-519 (Hamilton) \$202 & \$1548, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse, SSCF & ISIP Funds

Mark DeWitt seconded the motion. A roll call was done, and all voted yes in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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- Green Infrastructure Training- Saad will be doing a training this weekend with an HOA.

G. ACSP and AgWRAP Programs- Emily Bateman reported on the following:

- **Remaining Ag Cost share funding-** \$4,700
- **LAC Breakfast-** will be held at the Durham Farm Bureau Bldg. March 22 @ 8:30 am. A motion was made by David Harris to allow staff to spend up to \$100 on food for the meeting. Kenyon Browning seconded the motion. A roll call was done, and all voted yes in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
- **Fencing School-** Working with Janel with Cooperative Extension to plan a fencing school for May 5th at Funny Girl Farm). Lunch will be provided for this event.

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

- **Grove Park Project**-401 & 404 permits have been received. The project will be ready to start this summer. The engineering firm is working on the no rise survey.
- **Riverside High Project**-
 - **Agreement Land and Water Trust Fund** was emailed to the Board prior to this meeting. A motion was made by David Harris to approve the agreement with Land and Water Trust Fund. Anjali Boyd seconded the motion. A roll call was done, and all voted yes in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
 - **DWR funding letter**- we should receive it soon.
 - **NC State Testing**- will be doing pre and post water testing at the site.

I. Ag Development/Farmland Protection Advisory Board- Sherry Scully reported the following:

Agriculture Economic Development

- **AED Grant**- One project completed and four started this past month.

Farmland Protection Advisory Board (FPAB) *Provided an informational update.*

- **Farmland Protection Advisory Board Meeting**- Met on February 23, 2022, at 10:15 am (hybrid).
- The next FPAB meeting is scheduled for March 24th at 10:30 am at the Bahama Ruritan Bldg. This will be a hybrid meeting.

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

- **Conservation Contest Judging** -will be held on Thursday, March 10.
- **Area IV Envirothon**- schedule for March 16th at the Warren County Armory. Durham has six teams this year.
- **2022 Tree Sale** – The Durham SWCD Board made a profit of \$2,646.96
- **Bookmark Contest for K-2nd grade**- Flyer will go out the end of next week.

K. NRCS Update- Diana Irizarry with NRCS provided an update to the board.

- **EQIP**- 8 applications (\$96,650)
- **Conservation Certification**- on February 25th Emily Bateman received her Conservation Certification.

L. Bahama Community Park update- *David Harris report the following:*

- **District Land**- The District Board needs to decide what they want to do with the land. The committee gave their recommendation to the board. The board requested that the committee invite Lynn Needham with the Bahama Fire Department to the next Durham SWCD Board meeting to discuss the land.

M. Regional Coordinator- *Informational only*

- A copy of the Regional Coordinator's report was emailed to the District Board.

Adjourn: A motion was made by David Harris and seconded by Kenyon Browning to adjourn the meeting.
The Chair adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting – April 4, 2022, at 5:30 pm (TBD)
(Please check our website for the meeting information)

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Lisa Marochak
Senior Administrative Officer

4-4-2022
Approval date