

**Durham Soil and Water Conservation District
721 Foster Street
Durham, NC 27701**

Meeting Number: 4 (District Meeting) Date: May 7, 2012
Meeting Number: 10 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Danielle Adams, Treasurer/Secretary
Kathryn Spann, Associate Supervisor

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
Kathleen Snyder- City-County Liaison for the EAB

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday May 7, 2012, and called to order at 5:37 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the Chairman and Vice Chairman were present.

1. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the financial statement and approve the minutes. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Danielle Adams reported on the following:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2012 9:30 a.m. at the City of Raleigh, E.M. Johnson Water Treatment Plant
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
 - Finalized the recommendations on fracking and presented them to the City Council.
 - Need a Durham SWCD Board member to replace Robert Rosenthal on the EAB. Kathleen encouraged the board to be thinking of someone to replace Rosenthal. The EAB meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
 - EPA will be hosting Durham Sustainability Pilot Science Swap and Meet. Rosenthal encouraged staff to attend the session on May 18th and on June 11th.
 - C. **Director's Report** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
 - **2012-2013 Budget**- The Budget Hearing was held with the County Manager on April 13th. We are asking for a new position for the 2012-2013 budget, to help with the Nutrient Reduction. Culberson has been asked to speak at the June 4th BOCC work session to talk about the newly requested position.
 - Culberson was asked to check into the proposed watershed fee. Culberson met with Carol Hammond, from the County Attorney's office, to discuss the possibility of levying a watershed tax.
 - D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 9 plans and all were adequate as follows: Residential Development at 2611 Joe Ellis Rd; Phillips Research Park; Fidelity Investments, Inc. parking deck; Merck Warehouse Expansion Boiler Enclosure; Pulte Group Site Plan Project; BB&T Bank Croasdaile Plaza; Delweb Infrastructure Phase I improvement; Waffle House and, Hope Valley Commons Building W.

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

Talmage Layton excused himself from the meeting.

- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for a Pond -sediment removal, on contract # 32-12-06-09. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application of Assistance as presented pending we receive the Schedule F Form. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for a Pond –restoration/repair, on contract # 32-12-07-09. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application of Assistance as presented pending we receive the Schedule F Form. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for grassed waterways, on contract # 32-12-08-09. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application of Assistance as presented pending landowner's signature. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for a Pond -sediment removal, on contract # 32-12-09-09. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for Ruth McDaniel's, on contract # 32-12-10-09. The Application for Assistance is for buffers & live stock exclusion. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Application of Assistance as presented pending landowner signatures. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-06-09 for Pond-sediment removal. The contract amount is \$3,000 for Larry Ricks. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented pending we receive the Schedule F Form. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-07-09 for Pond-restoration/repair. The contract amount is \$15,000 for Talmage Layton. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented pending we receive the Schedule F Form. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-08-09 for grassed waterways. The contract amount is \$1,128 for Earl Brown. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented pending landowner's signature. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-09-09 for Pond-sediment removal. The contract amount is \$9,000 for Gerald Thacker. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Request for Payment-** Has 1 request for payment for W.A. McFarland on contract #32/12/03/09. The request for payment is for \$1,832. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Grant/Ag Cost Share** – Eddie Culberson reported that a 319 grant application for the McDaniel's is due May 24th and needs 40% match. The grant would be used for the construction of the 900 ft enhancement and the 400 ft restoration. The total would come to \$146,000. The Division of Water Resources grant is due June 1st and needs 33% match. The landowner is willing to put an easement on the property. A letter of intent from the board stating the landowner will be seeking ACSP Funding for FY13 for up to \$15,000 for buffers, livestock exclusion, stream crossing and alternate watering sources will enhance our application. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to allow the letter of intent for \$15,000 (FY13 allocation). A friendly Amendment to the motion was made by Danielle to include the Application for Assistance needs to be on file. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Spot Check-** Ag Cost Share & Ag Wrap Spot Checks will be on May 22nd.

F. AgWRAP- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Allocation remaining-** There is \$866 remaining

Talmage Layton returned to the meeting after all discussion of Ag Cost Share and Ag Wrap was complete.

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

- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance for Brooks Pearson, contract #32-12-534-15 for critical area planting and streambank stabilization. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the application as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance for Vicki McKay, contract #32-12-533-09 for a rain garden and grassed swale. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the application as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 application for assistance for Chris Boggs, contract #32-12-535-15 for a rain garden. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the application as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 supplemental contract 32-12-511-15 (Randy Bock) for critical area planting. The contract amount is \$39 and will use the Jordan 319 Fund. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-532-15 (Matthew Kane) for \$609. The contract is for a 192 sqft rain garden. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-521-15 for 99 sqft rain garden and a 1000 gallon cistern for Michael Pocinki. The contract amount is \$2,330. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-531-15 for a 68 sq ft rain garden and a 300 gallon cistern. The contract amount is \$1,669 from the Jordan 319 fund for Mia Chabot. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Request for Payment-** Has 1 request for payment for Randy Bock on contract supplement #32-12-511-15. The request for payment is for \$39.00. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment as presented. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Contract Change/Correction-** The Forest Foundation contract #32-12-518-09 was approved at the April board meeting. The contract completion date was recorded as 4/10/14 using EEG funds. The deadline for EEG funds use is January 2014. The applicant has agreed via email to complete the project this calendar year. The contract deadline has been changed to December 15, 2012. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the changes. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Spot Checks-** were completed today on 8 CCAP sites, 7 were in compliance, 2 needed maintenance. Emails were sent to the 2 needing maintenance and the one out of compliance.
- **Meeting with Stormwater-** a meeting is scheduled next Thursday at 11:00am with Laura Smith from Durham Stormwater to discuss more collaboration between programs. Danielle Adams reported that she would like to table discussion between the board and City Stormwater employees until the meeting is held with the City Manager, County Manager and Durham SWCD Board in June.

H. Administrative Officer– Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **Pond clinic –** The Pond Clinic was held on April 28th at Gerald Thacker’s pond. Despite the gloomy weather, we still had 77 people attend this year’s clinic. The fishing tournament was new this year and seemed to be liked by all.
- **Farm Family Judging-** The State Farm Family judging will take place on May 17th in the afternoon. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to purchase food for the judges up to \$100. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Awards Banquet-** The Awards Banquet will be held this year on May 31st at the Redwood Ruritan. Invitations will be sent out this week.
- **Hall of Fame Nomination-** Applications are due by June 1st.

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

- **Envirothon-** This year Durham had 3 high school Envirothon teams to place in the top 10 at the State Competition held on April 20-21. The Natural Disasters placed 3rd overall at the State competition.
- **Resource Conservation Workshop-** We received two applications for RCW this year. The board reviewed the applications. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to send both candidates to the RCW, pending Danielle Adams soliciting funds for the second applicant. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Educator Workshop's-** Lisa Marochak and Jennifer Brook's will be holding Educator Workshop's the week of July 16th-20th. Cooperative Extension and Durham Stormwater will be partnering with us to put on the workshops. The cost is \$20 per workshop or \$90 for the week.
- **Field Day-** Field Day was held on May 3rd at R.N Harris Elementary.

J. Durham Farmland Protection- Kathryn Spann reported on the following:

- No meeting last month
- **Farmers Market-** The new Farmers Market opened with vendors sold out at Greenwood Commons
 - The elected board for the market is up and running
- Mayor Bell has started a Durham Network of Agriculture.
- **Next Farmland Board meeting** – May 17th at 8am.
- **Farmland Grant Application-** Mike Dupree reported that he would like to submit a grant application to Farmer's Market Promotion Program. The 10 page application is due by May 21st. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to support Mike Dupree in pursuing grant funds from the Farmers Market Promotion Program. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **RN Harris-** Staff is having trouble with the School Maintenance mowing the easement too short. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for Culberson to draft a letter/email and send it to Hugh Olsten. Copy Mrs. Forte-Brown and the Principal of RN Harris.
- **Sandy Creek Phase V (2011-403)** – Getting ready to start Sandy Creek Phase V for 400ft reach of stream restoration and BMP.
- **Dr Robert's Environmental Education Park-** Will Summers, field rep., with CWMTF is interested in the Dr. Robert's Environmental education Park. Summers is coming to look at the land on May 18th. The CWMTF Trustees will be meeting in August.

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

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- **Person LAC-**Presented monitoring proposal to Person County LAC on April 23rd. The LAC voted to recommend to the District Board to participate in a monitoring grant proposal and submit it to the 319 committee. Person BOCC would like to move forward with a meeting with USGS and design and monitoring program.
- **AG subcommittee meeting-** May 18th at 9am

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- Baseline date is complete, the reduction from baseline is 90.85%
- Land use for Agriculture dropped from a five year baseline average of 1172 acres to 165 acres in crop year 2011.
- Next **Jordan WOC** meeting- May 15th, at Alamance SWCD

Voluntary Nutrient Reduction Program update

- **Durham INC-** On April 24th, Mike Dupree and Danielle Adams meet with the InterNeighborhood Council of Durham (INC) to talk about the nutrient reduction program, CCAP and duplicate services with the County/City.
- **Woodcroft HOA** board May 8th at 7pm
- **Woodcroft Annual Meeting** May 23rd at 7pm

M. NRCS – Matt Kinane reported the following:

- **EQIP-** Waiting on disbursement of funds from 2nd batching period
- **Compliance Review-** Will take place in the next month or two.
- **NRCS Listening Session-** June 5th 9am-3pm in Raleigh

N. Area Coordinator- Steve Bennett reported on the following:

- End of the year for CCAP & Ag Cost Share- Forms due to the Division by June 1st
- **I-Beam-** still working on I-Beam

3. New Business:

- **2013 Annual Strategy Plan, BMP Fund Certification & Ranking Forms** – a Motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the forms as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Supervisor Insurance-** Lisa Marochak reported that Johnston SWCD is asking all SWCD Board's to discuss the possibility of State health Plan Insurance for District Supervisors. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to support the Association trying to obtain Insurance for Supervisors. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- 4. Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned at 8:24 pm.
Next Meeting: Monday, June 4th at 5:30pm

Robert Rosenthal Vice Chairman  Secretary/Treasurer

