

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

Meeting Number: 6 (District Meeting) Date: July 9, 2012
Meeting Number: 1 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Danielle Adams, Treasurer/Secretary
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
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
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist
Tatjana Vujic, Durham County Citizen
Misty Odell, Durham County Citizen
Mark Dewitt, Durham County Citizen

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Thursday July 9, 2012, and called to order at 5:31 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at the 721 Foster Street, 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** – No updates
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
 - Rosenthal needs a replacement from Soil & Water to replace him on the EAB board. The next EAB meeting will be Wednesday, July 11th at 6pm. Danielle Adams is going to attend the next EAB meeting.
 - Lots of time spent talking about the Legislative bills about fracking.
 - EAB is encouraging less use of Styrofoam and plastic bags.
 - C. **Director's Report** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
 - **SWAMP Tour**- Piedmont Conservation Council, Duke University & Durham Soil & Water will be having a at SWAMP Tour to display all 5 phases of Sandy Creek this fall. There will be a charge for the tour and Continuing Education credits will be available. Local resource people will be used to conduct the tour. We will have 1,365 acres under best management practice (BMP) once phase 5 is complete!
 - **BMP/Phase V**-
 - Construction completed
 - Staff did a video at the Phase V site on behalf of the County Strategic Plan last week. Brooks did another video clip of the site today.
 - **NJAA Park**- NJAA president, Donnie Berini sent an email to Durham SWCD staff on the process they have made.
 - NJAA has been asked to provide a lighting plan to City/County planning.
 - NJAA is in the process of revising their ordinance. Culberson requested that NJAA allow the District Board to review their revised maintenance and operation by-laws, regarding the athletic park
 - **2012-2013 County Budget**- The County budget was approved and we received everything we needed for FY13 except for the new position, to help with the Jordan & Falls Watershed Rules.

- D. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 13 plans and all were adequate as follows: Watts St Parking Lot; Fidelity Investments Inc- Café Loading; Hope Valley Farms POS ‘BB’; Page Road Apartments; Evangel Assembly of GOD; 1108 West Main Street; Erwin Square Shopping Center; Falls Point at the Park; Chamberlyne Phase 2, 3, and 4; The Heights at Meridian; RTI Research Greenhouse; Maureen Joy Charter School/YE Smith Building; Hills at Southpoint Culvert Crossing to Phase 4.
- E. Agricultural Cost Share Program-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Request for Payment-** Has 1 RFP for 32-12-04-09 for long term no-till in the amount of \$8,111. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the request for payment as presented for contract 32-12-04-09. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Request for Payment-** Has 1 RFP for 32-12-09-09 for 2 ag ponds/sediment removal only in the amount of \$6,000. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment as presented for contract 32-12-09-09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Job Approval-** Jennifer Brooks reported that she is requesting job approval for Sediment removal for ponds from the Soil & Water Commission. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal for the support of Jennifer Brooks obtaining job approval authority for Sediment removal for ponds. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- F. AgWRAP-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Budget-** The AgWRAP budget for the state is \$500,000 this year.
- G. CCAP –** Watershed Conservationist, Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- **IBeam-** All CCAP contracts have been entered into IBeam.
 - **Request for Payment-** Has 1 RFP for 32-12-513-09 for Marion Lamberth for a rain garden, in the amount of \$280. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment as presented for contract 32-12-513-09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Jordan Funds-** \$18,155 was left at the end of FY2012. The Division of Soil & Water pulled the money and we are waiting on the reallocation of funds.
- H. Administrative Officer–** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- **Annual Report** – Working on completing the Annual report for FY 2012. The report will be completed for review at the next board meeting.
 - **Teacher Workshops-**The week long teacher workshops will take place the week of July 16th. We have the maximum amount registered for each day.
 - **Facebook-** Durham Soil & Water District Board now has a Facebook page. Please like our page if you are on Facebook. The staff is in the process of trying to get a Facebook page for Durham Soil & Water with the County.
- I. Environmental Education-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **RCW-** Two students from Durham that the Soil & Water Board sponsored attended the RCW. Danielle Adams reported that the Durham People of Black Affairs may help sponsor 1 of the students that attended the RCW since the board only had it in their budget to sponsor 1 student.
 - **RCW/future-** Adams recommended that the board only send rising Junior or Senior’s to the RCW.
 - **Field Days-** The Annual field days will be held October 9, 10 & 11th at the Dr. Marie Robert’s Environmental Education Park in Bahama. Field Days are open to any 3rd grade Durham Public, Private or Homeschool.
 - **2 Grant Proposals-** Brooks is in the process of writing two grant proposals, 1 is for the Dr. Marie Robert’s Environmental Park and the other is for Northern High School. The grant for Northern HS will be for raised beds for the handicapped.

- J. Durham Farmland Protection-** Kathryn Spann reported on the following:
- **Doodle Poll-** Meeting last month but no quorum. Kathryn Spann asked Lisa Marochak to send out a Doodle Poll to see what date and times are best for the Board members to meet.
 - **Mayor Bell-** Kathryn Spann & County Commissioner, Pam Karriker met with Mayor Bell to talk about the network of agriculture outreach in Durham. Spann gave a copy of the Countywide Farmland Plan to Mayor Bell.
 - Kathryn Spann is planning to invite Wanona Thatcher, Heidi Carter and Rochelle Sparko to the next Farmland Board meeting.
 - **Farmland Board Ordinance- *revision*-** draft was circulated
- K. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects –** Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **CWMTF-** We submitted 4 applications to CWMTF on January 27th. CWMTF funds were cut for FY13 and are none reoccurring. The trustees will meet August 11-12th.
 - **Sandy Creek Phase V –** walk through will be this Thursday.
- L. Watershed Rules- Mike Dupree reported on the following:**
- **Durham LAC-**
 - strategy plans are due this month
 - Meeting 9am on July 20th
 - **Jordan WOC –**The next meeting is scheduled for July 17th at Alamance SWCD.
 - **Jordan Baseline update-** Baseline data is complete and the reduction from baseline is 90.39% Nitrogen.
- M. NRCS –** Matt Kinane reported the following:
- **Farm Bill-** Still working off of the 2008 Farm Bill
 - **Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill-** NRCS is committed to protect the privacy of individuals.
 - **USDA Programs-** Applications for all USDA-NRCS programs are accepted continuously.
 - **Conservation Compliance –** NRCS in NC is currently conducting the FY2012 Conservation Compliance Reviews.
 - **USDA-NRCS Workload-** NRCS is trying to manage the available personnel resources to meet the priorities of the agency and at the same time to provide assistance to their conservation partners.
- N. Area Coordinator-** Steve Bennett reported on the following:
- **CET-** Conservation Employee Training formally known as the (DEW) District Employees Workshop will take place August 13-16th.
 - Sandra Weitzel and Steve Bennett moved their office to the 4th floor of the Archdale Building
- 3. New Business:** Danielle Adams reported on the following:
1. **Associate Supervisor-** Roger Hansard is no longer an Associate Supervisor with Durham SWCD. Danielle Adams proposed that Tatjana Vujic and Marc Dewitt become associate supervisors. Dewitt & Vujic are going to think about joining and let us know at the next board meeting
 2. **75 Anniversary- Governor Proclamation-** The Board would like to make the month of August Soil & Water month with the County. The board would like to get on the August BOCC agenda.
 3. **Conservation Needs-** The NC Foundation of Soil & Water Conservation is asking District's to provide their needs assessment for the Foundation's 2013 Business Plan. The Durham SWCD Board will compile their answers at the August Board meeting.
 4. **NCASWCD Commission Seat-** The NCASWCD is asking districts to submit a candidate's name for the Piedmont Commission Seat. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to submit Danielle Adams name as nominee for the Piedmont Commission Seat. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 6th at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton - Chairman

Jonell Adams - Secretary/Treasurer