

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

Meeting Number: 7 (District Meeting)                      Date: August 6, 2012  
Meeting Number: 2 (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  
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist  
Tatjana Vujic, Durham County Citizen  
Paul Wiebke, Public Works Stormwater  
John Cox, Public Works Stormwater  
John Martin, Inter Neighborhood Council of Durham  
Jim Vickery, Old North Durham Neighborhood Assoc.  
Peter Kutz, Old North Durham Neighborhood Assoc.  
Carina Barnett-Lon, NC Sierra Club  
Darian Salmon, Student  
Leslie Atley, Mother of Darian Salmon

*The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Thursday August 6, 2012, and called to order at 5:33 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 Danielle Adams to accept the financial statement and approve the minutes. Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**2. Old Business**

**A. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update –**

- There was a June meeting but no meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2012.
- Soil and Water Districts were not on the UNRB website but they have now been added to the website.
- Adams alternate for the UNRBA Board has stepped down so the Durham SWCD Board will need to ask 1 of the 5 other counties to appoint an alternate for the UNRBA.
- **Upper Neuse Water Quality Monitoring Meeting-** Eddie Culberson reported that a meeting/lunch will be held at Rollingview on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is for the entities to share their final reports and monitoring design guidelines.

**B. Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update –**Danielle Adams reported on the following:

- The EAB will have a retreat this month but no board meeting.
- Paul Wiebke did a presentation on wetland concept map at the last EAB meeting. Paul Wiebke passed out a copy of the plan.
  - Tomorrow will be the last public meeting in the North Durham Library at 7pm.
- Discussed the styrofoam & plastic bag ban
  - Have come to a standstill on the ban but the discussion will be picked up at the next meeting.
- Lots of time spent talking about the Legislative bills about fracking.

- C. **Director's Report** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **BOCC Meeting-** On August 13 Culberson and Adams will be attending the BOCC meeting at 7pm. Soil & Water District's across the state of NC are celebrating 75 years this August. Bev Perdue signed a proclamation to proclaim August 2012 "Soil & Water Conservation Awareness Month". Durham Soil and Water is asking the BOCC to proclaim August 2012 as "Soil & Water Conservation Awareness Month" in Durham County.
  - **Field Office of the Future-** Culberson reported that the division is asking everyone to take a look at the draft strategy plan and make comments by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Matt Kinane with NRCS passed out copies of the draft plan.
  - **County logo-** Culberson showed the board the new logo for the Soil & Water Department.
  - **NRCS-** On August 15<sup>th</sup> Talmage Layton and Eddie Culberson will be meeting with NRCS to discuss reorganization.
- D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 3 plans and all were adequate as follows: Live Well North Durham; Cemetery Property of Jamaat Ibad Ar-Rahaman, Inc; Rustica Oaks Subdivision- Phase 1-3.
- E. **Agricultural Cost Share Program-** No new business
- F. **AgWRAP-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Budget-** The AgWRAP budget for the state is \$500,000 this year (new pond construction only).
- G. **CCAP** – No new business
- H. **Administrative Officer**– Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- **Annual Report** – Lisa Marochak passed out a copy of the FY2012 Annual Report to all board members.
  - **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:
- **Teacher's Newsletter-** Newsletter is complete and has been emailed to teachers.
  - **Field Days-** The Annual field days will be held October 9, 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> at the Dr. Marie Robert's Environmental Education Park in Bahama. Field Days are open to any 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Durham Public, Private or Homeschool. Staff will be purchasing another tent that was approved last year by the board
  - **Teacher's Workshop-** Brooks and Marochak reported that they held a week long workshop for teachers the week of July 16-20 at Sarah P. Duke Gardens. The Workshop was a huge success and they are planning to hold another workshop next summer.
  - **Big Sweep-** October 6<sup>th</sup> is the official day. Please register your groups with Jennifer Brooks.
- J. **Durham Farmland Protection-** Kathryn Spann reported on the following:
- **Meeting-** No meeting last month but the next meeting is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
  - **Ag Development-** 2 million in Ag Development for easements.
- K. **Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **CWMTF-** We submitted 4 applications to CWMTF on January 27<sup>th</sup>. CWMTF funds were cut for FY13 and are none reoccurring. The trustees will meet August 12-14<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Sandy Creek Phase V BMP** – starting to put in the trash racks on the water control structures today. Construction has been completed on the project. The wetland cell plants will be installed this fall.
- L. **Watershed Rules-** Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **Jordan Contract** –Culberson presented the contract agreement between the Division of Soil & Water and the District Board. The contract is for retrieving data in the Jordan Watershed. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve for the district to enter into a contract

agreement with the Division of Soil & Water for the Jordan data that was collected. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **Jordan new development-** Legislators are allowing local government to put on hold the new development rules until 2014
- **Falls water quality**
  - Have NC State review the existing data proposed action plan by Fall WOC.
  - 28% to 30% of Durham farmers have registered their operations.

M. NRCS – Matt Kinane reported the following:

- **Field Portion of Compliance-** Field portion is done, now working on paperwork. No problems were found with the two farms.
- **Local Work Group-** The local work group meeting date needs to be set by August 24<sup>th</sup> and completed by September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Farm Bill-** NRCS proposing 5 year farm bill.
- **USDA Programs-** Applications for all USDA-NRCS programs are accepted continuously.
- **EQIP & WHIP Funding-** Funding for EQIP & WHIP is not looking good for this year.
- **Conservation Stewardship Program-** will be offered again and continuous sign-up.
- **Field Office of the future-** send comments to Pat Harris & Mike Suggs no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

- **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. Lisa Marochak will turn in the feedback she received from the district board and staff to the NC Foundation of SWC.
- **RCW Student-** Darian Salmon, an RCW student sponsored by the Durham SWCD Board to attend the 2012 Resource Conservation Workshop attend the meeting. Salmon thanked the board for sending him to the RCW and spoke to them about some of the things that he learned at the workshop.
- **Associate Supervisors-** Danielle Adams suggested that the board put a small work group together consisting of two supervisors and two staff members. The work group could work on a manual for Associate Supervisors. This would define what the board expects from Associate Supervisors.
- **Old Duke Diet Fitness Center-** Several Durham citizens attended the meeting to find out more about the Duke Diet Fitness Center. The Board reported that they are not taking a stance on this proposed project with the City of Durham.
- **City Public Works/Stormwater-** John Cox and Paul Wiebke reported that they want to improve coordination between the Soil & Water Department and Public Works/Stormwater. They are planning to attend board meetings or meet with Durham SWCD staff on a regular basis.

3. **Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned at 7:06 pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 10th at 5:30pm**

*Talmage Layton* - Chairman

*Danielle Adams* - Secretary/Treasurer