

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

Meeting Number: 08 (District Meeting) Date: October 13, 2011

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Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Danielle Adams, Secretary/Treasurer
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
Roger Hansard, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Soil Conservationist/EE Coordinator
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Thursday October 13, 2011, and called to order at 12:15 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 Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the minutes. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

2. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Mike Dupree reported on the following:
 - Stakeholders Monitoring Meeting - Dupree attended the last stakeholders meeting where they announced that the UNRB received a grant from DWQ for approximately \$28,000 to have a yearlong process to develop monitoring models. There are 6 different committees and the Ag subcommittee is going to meet next Friday, October 21st at the Durham Farm Bureau Building on Miami Blvd 1-3pm. The 6 subcommittees will be designing the models.

 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
 - Michelle Woolfolk with Stormwater Services gave an update to UNRBA a consultant was hired by UNRBA to review the Falls lake monitoring data.
 - Rosenthal passed around a copy of the Water Quality Recovery Plan of Third Fork Creek (stormwater)
 - They are moving ahead with the commuter trip ordinance. Sustainability Coordinator (Tobin Fred) is going to be working with the Chambers of Commerce to try and update that.
 - EAB has just about finished its Normal Pool draft for Jordan lake.

 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 9 plans and all were adequate as follows: Circle at Ninth Street; Madison Glen Phase III; P-Building Demolition; Woodfield Creekstone; Creative School; United for Christ; Treyburn Walking Trails, Phase 4A; Raleigh Montessori School Athletic Fields; Walgreens store # 12132.

 - D. **Agricultural Cost Share Program**- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
 - Has one request for payment for contract #32-11-02-09 on an abandoned well closure. The Request for Payment is for \$900. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Request for Payment in the amount of \$900 for contract # 32-11-02-09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- E. **CCAP – Watershed Conservationist, Mike Dupree reported on the following:**
- **Request for Payment-** Has 1 request for payment on contract #32-12-503-09. The request for payment is for impervious surface conversion for \$2,000. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment as presented for Stirrup Creek HOA contract 32-12-503-09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Request for Payment-** Has 1 request for payment on contract #32-12-502-09. The request for payment is for streambank stabilization for \$5,000. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the request for payment as presented for Dr. Melissa Rooney contract 32-12-502-09. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
 - **Contract-** Has 1 contract 32-12-510-09 in the amount of \$2,575 for Maureen Kurtz for a 1000 gallon cistern and 173 sqft rain garden. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the contract as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Application for Assistance-** Has 1 Application for Assistance for Greene that was previously approved by the board in June, but the Division of SWCD has new forms. The Application for Assistance is for a cistern on contract # 32-12-512-09. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
- F. **Administrative Officer– Lisa Marochak reported on the following:**
- **Area IV Fall Meeting –** Will be held on Thursday November 17th at the Rocky Mount Farmers Market. The registration form will be emailed to all supervisors.
 - **State Fair Booth-** Staff and some supervisors will be working at the State Fair/Soil & Water Booth next Tuesday, October 18th. Please let Lisa know if you are interested in working at the booth.
 - **Area IV Envirothon donation-** Area IV Envirothon committee is asking for a \$100 donation or more to help support the 2012 Area IV Envirothon. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve a \$100 donation to the Area IV Envirothon. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- G. **Environmental Education-** Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
- **Big Sweep-** numbers are still coming in for this year’s Big Sweep cleanup, but so far we have had 17 cleanup sites.
 - **Field Days-** Field Days were held October 4th, 5th & 6th on the District’s land. We had 382 students from 4 DPS schools participate in field days. A write up about field days was featured in the News and Observer on October 6th.
- H. **Durham Farmland Protection-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- **Breakfast Series-** The 1st of 4 breakfast series took place on October 12th at 721 Foster St in the conference room. 12 producers were present from Durham and 2 from Person County. The next breakfast will take place on November 15th 7am-9am at 721 Foster St. in the 1st floor conference room.
 - **Next Farmland meeting-** the next meeting date is scheduled for October 20th at 8am.
- I. **Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects –** Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- **CWMTF-** Culberson received a call from Will Summers with CWMTF who indicated that phase V of Sandy Creek and the Southern High School Stormwater project were not funded. Both of the projects have been added to the active list. The Phase V Sandy Creek project is #3 on the active list but the Southern HS project is #6.
 - **EEG-** going to submit grants to EEG for a greenroof on the Agricultural Building and one for the Dr. Roberts Environmental Education Park.
- J. **Watershed Rules-** Mike Dupree reported on the following:
- **Falls brochures and sign-up sheets-** were mailed to 170 PUV AG parcels and so far 9 members have signed up.
 - **Falls WOC –** had their first meeting on August 25th. John Huisman reviewed the history of the Falls rules. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2011 1:30-4:00pm.

- i. **Timeline**- March 2012 registration to be completed
 - ii. **First report from LAC's**- July 2012 to WOC
- **Jordan WOC**- has requested data from each district for baseline. The next Jordan WOC meeting is scheduled for October 25th at the Alamance SWCD office.

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

- **Deputy County Manager**- Culberson reported that he will have a new boss effective October 17th. Lee Worsley is the new Deputy County Manager.
- **District Land**- Staff met with some of the board members from NJAA on October 6th to discuss the plans for the land. Culberson shared the results of the meeting with the Durham SWCD board. The board unanimously was against NJAA using the open space/back field. The board would like to see BMP's installed like a bioretention. Culberson will meet with DWQ regarding blue line stream and CWMTF regarding conservation easements.

L. NRCS – Eddie Culberson reported the following:

- **Conservation Comprehensive Review**- On September 21st Culberson went with Rusty Renshaw from Vance County to do compliance reviews on 3 tracts in Durham County. No problems were found or identified on the 3 tracts.
- **2012 EQIP and WHIP**
 - General EQIP first batching deadline application date: November 14, 2011
 - WHIP batching deadline date: November 1, 2011
- **Conservation Plans**- Conservation plans will be required with USDA Program applications for ranking beginning with Fiscal Year 2012 (October 1, 2011).

3. New Business:

- A. **NACD National Meeting**- Durham SWCD was selected to present at the 2012 National Association of Conservation District's Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to give \$2,500 to allow staff to attend the National NACD meeting in NV January 28th- February 1st pending the County Managers approval. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4. Adjourn: The chairman adjourned at 2:09pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3rd at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton - Chairman

 - Secretary/Treasurer