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

Meeting Number: 06(District Meeting) Date: August 3, 2009
Meeting Number: 11 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Kathryn Spann- Associate Supervisor
Roger Hansard, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Watershed Conservationist
Lynwood Faison, Soil Conservationist
Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist
Mike Dupree- BETC

1. Chairman Talmage Layton called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 5:35 PM
2. **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.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Durham Farmland Protection-** Kathryn Spann reported on the following
 - Gerry Cohn should be sending the Farmland Board the 2nd draft of the Farmland Plan by August 10th. Jennifer Brooks reported that they may have to ask for an extension until December 31st on the State funds. The extension will allow for the extra time needed to allow the State to review the contract and make any changes before submitting to the BOCC.
 - The Farmland Advisory Board has several vacant positions and they are currently looking for potential candidates to fill those positions.
 - Spann would like the board to consider renewing their membership with the Land Trust Alliance when it comes due.
 - Gerald Thacker is expressing interest in applying for the County Farmland easement program.
 - B. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
 - Ray Eurquhart will be taking his place on the EAB board as representative for Soil & Water.
 - Talmage Layton reported that he went to the last Falls Lake meeting and represented the Agricultural community. The next meeting will be August 20th 1pm-4pm. Jennifer Brooks reported that the Durham Soil and Water staff will not be able to attend the next meeting so it would be great if at least one of the board members can attend.
 - C. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported they took the month of July off and only had committee meetings in August. The next board meeting will be in September.
 - D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Lynwood Faison reported that since the last meeting they have had 3 plans and all are adequate as follows: Central Office Croasdaile Farm; Duke Energy Powerline Easement (Davidson); LKQ Raleigh Auto Parts Corp.
 - E. **Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Lynwood Faison reported: no new business since last meeting.

F. CCAP – Watershed Conservationist, Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- 1 contract for approval on a 1,000 gallon cistern at George Watts Montessori School. The contract is conditional- needs school board signature. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to conditionally approve the contract for contract number 32-10-504-09 in the amount of \$1,508 on a 1,000 gallon cistern for George Watts Montessori School. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Division reallocated the remainder of the CCAP funds that were taken away and Durham received 23,792.
- They have ran into a snag with contract 32-10-502-09 and Eddie Culberson and Jennifer Brooks are meeting with the landowner tomorrow to discuss why he will not be able to receive CCAP funding for the project now.

G. Stream Restoration – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- 1) **CWMTF** held a telephone conference on July 16th to discuss the CWMTF budget. Richard Roger reported that according to the legislators CWMTF should be receiving about ½ of their normal allocation. Of the 2008 applicants that were awarded, 3 of our grants were taken by Governor Purdue. CWMTF is still planning on awarding us the funds but it may be over a 2 year period.
- 2) **RN Harris-** The bio-retention basin is leaking
– working on repairing this week
- 3) **Gerald Thacker-** He is going ahead with the Stream Restoration Project on 7.67 acres within the easement. This will equal to the match that was promised to CWMTF on the application.
- 4) **Lick Creek-** All 3 of the Lick Creek Easements are signed and will be filed with the register of deeds office as soon as we receive the base line documentation.

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

- **Environmental Field Days-** They will be held October 13th and 15th at Twin Lakes Park.
- **North American Cannon Envirothon -** The North American Cannon Envirothon will be held August 2-7 in Asheville, NC. Eddie Culberson, Lisa Marochak & Jennifer Brooks will be volunteering August 5-7.
- **Big Sweep-** It time to order Big Sweep patches for the scouts. Deadline to order is Monday August 24th. The cost is \$2 each. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to order the Big Sweep scout badges. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- **Composting Bins** –Composting bins are starting to sell
- **Rain Barrels-** Sales are starting to pick up again. Marochak reported that they are ordering 10 to 15 at a time.
- **FLP Teachers Workshop** – Lisa Marochak and Jennifer Brooks will hold a FLP teachers workshop August 12-13. The workshop will be held at For Garden Sake Nursery off of 751.
- **Tree Seedlings-** It's time to place our pre-order for the tree seedlings. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to allow the staff to pre-order the same amount of trees as they did in the past. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

J. NRCS Report - Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist reported on the following:

- **FRPP-** that last month he and district staff had to conduct an onsite assessment on the FRPP applications that were tentatively accepted into the program.
- **EQIP & WHIP-** Kinane reported that he has been busy working on the two applications that were accepted during the last EQIP and WHIP sign up. He is trying to get all of the documents finalized and completed by next week.
- **Agricultural and Water enhancement Program-** Sign up started last Monday and closes this Monday. This is an extension of the EQIP Program.
- **Conservation Stewardship Program-** Used to be known as the Conservation Security Program. Kinane reported that he's going to sit in on a teleconference this Wednesday to learn more about the program. Sign ups should be sometime this year.

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

- **County Attorney**- The County Attorney is officially retiring in November.
- **FY 2011 budget** – Eddie Culberson & Lisa Marochak will be meeting with the County Managers office on August 11th to talk about scenarios and General Statutes that affect our office and the district board.
- **Jordan Lake Plan Meeting**- on September 17th they will hold a meeting 9:30am-11:30am at the Ag Center in Burlington.
- **RC&D Meeting**- Culberson gave an update on the last meeting and reported that they still do not have a full council. Culberson reported that the RC&D Annual Meeting will take place August 30-September 2 at the Grove Park in Asheville. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to pay up to \$600 for Eddie Culberson to attend the Annual Meeting. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4. New Business:

- 1. BETC** – Mike Dupree talked to the board about a program he is hoping to start called BETC. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to write a letter of support for the BETC Program. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2. Annual Report**- Lisa Marochak presented a copy of the FY 2009 Annual Report to the SWCD board. The board recommended taking the Annual Report to one of the Board of County Commissioners Work sessions.

5. Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Robert Rosenthal
Vice Chairman