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

Meeting Number: 10(District Meeting) Date: December 17, 2008
Meeting Number: 06 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Watershed Conservationist
Lynwood Faison, Soil Conservationist
Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist
Roger Hansard, Associate Supervisor

1. Chairman Talmage Layton called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 5:51 PM
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to accept the Financial Statement and approve the minutes. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **New Business**
 - A. **Oath of Office-** Re-appointed Supervisor Curtis Richardson took the Oath of Office administered by Administrative Officer Lisa Marochak.
 - B. **Election of Officers-** District Supervisor Ray Eurquhart made a motion to nominate Talmage Layton Chairman, Robert Rosenthal Vice Chairman and Danielle Adams Secretary/Treasurer. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent
 - C. **NCASWCD Executive Director donation-** Culberson reported that NCASWCD is asking districts to give a \$1000 donation to help fund an Executive Director position for the NCASWCD. Layton talked to the board about the letter that Bobby Stanley sent out to districts asking them to donate \$1,000. This will be a one time donation. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal made a motion to approve the one time donation of \$1,000 to help fund the Executive Director position for the NCASWCD. If the money is not used for its intent then the money is to be returned to the district. Supervisor Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - D. **Land Donation-** Director Eddie Culberson reported that he had a gentleman to call him that works for Howard Perry & Walston and he indicated that he has a customer that wants to donate some land for tax write off purposes before the end of the year. The land is 1.3 acres and is located at 1400 Midland Terrace. Culberson reported that the land can not be developed but it can be used for water quality purposes. A motion was made by Supervisor Ray Eurquhart to accept the land donation as long as there's no environmental issues present after the land is checked out by some of the supervisors and staff. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4. Old Business

- A. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal reported that they have been working on the Nutrient Management Strategy Plan and on January 15th there will be two separate meetings on this topic. At 10am on the 15th the meeting will be for the people that are questioning the nutrient modeling and at 1:00pm they will be reviewing the current watershed.
- B. Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** – Vice Chairman Rosenthal reported that the EAB meeting last month the stormwater group came to the meeting and explained to people that they have to go through the State and Federal stormwater license plan before they can get to citizens personal complaints. Rosenthal reported that they will be meeting for about once a month over the next couple of months.
- C. Durham Farmland Protection** – Eddie Culberson reported that they have a subcommittee meeting scheduled for December 18th to go over details of the workshop they are planning for January 2009. Culberson reported that Administrative Officer Lisa Marochak sent out invitations last week to VAD members and to farmers that own 100 acres or more. Culberson reported that the subcommittee is looking for sponsors to help pay for the workshop so if anyone knows someone please let the office staff know ASAP.
Culberson reported that the board met on November 19th. Culberson reported that Open Space Manager Jane Korest submitted 2 applications to the State for the Carrington's and Van Ellis. Both applicants want to put their farms in a Conservation Easement.
- D. Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** – Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison reported that he reviewed 9 plans since the last board meeting and the plans was adequate as follows: Rustica Oaks Subdivision; Merck Vaccine Manufacturing Facility Phase IB; Merck Temporary Contractor Parking; Cardinal Lake Phase 10; Shiloh Crossing Lot 1; Cardinal Storage Expansion; Triangle Day School; Carillon Forest; Treyburn Walking Trail; .
- E. Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison reported that Bill Bagliani contacted him and he no longer wishes to do the dry stack and wants to cancel his contract. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal made a motion acknowledging the fact that the contract is going to be canceled for Bill Bagliani for the Dry Stack. Supervisor Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Faison reported that Bill Lee Jr. has a contract for Crop Land Conversion to Grass but 1/3 of the work should have been done within the first year of signing the contract. The original contract was signed on 12/5/07 and the work has yet to be started. Mr. Lee requested the contract to be cancelled.
- F. CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported that she has four requests for payments. The first request for payment is for contract #32/08/501/09 for \$8,135 the second contract # 32/08/502/09 is for \$1,398; the 3rd contract # 32/08/503/09 is for \$1,463 and the fourth contract # 32/08/504/09 is for \$1,230. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal made a motion to approve the four requests for payments as presented. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- G. Stream Restoration** –
RN Harris- Culberson reported that they have the legal description and the new plat drawn so we have everything that RN Harris needs to get started on the project. All they are waiting on now is for the Chairman of the school board to sign off so the district can get started on the project.
Lick Creek – Culberson reported that one of the owners had some concern about the material that was going to be taken out of the bench area so he called Allen Walters with NRCS and he came over the next

day. Walters told Culberson that the material in the bench area was actually better than what they had in the field. The landowner is now satisfied so the project should be ready to start by February.

Thacker's- Culberson reported that they are still trying to get an easement on the whole property.

Sandy Creek- Culberson reported that they are going to start Phase IV soon. Culberson reported that Riverworks will be doing the construction.

H. Environmental Education- Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported that she has started training with the Envirothon teams. This year they have 14 teams; 9 High School and 5 Middle School.

I. Administrative Officer- Lisa Marochak reported on the following

1. NCASWCD Annual Meeting- The Annual Meeting will be held January 4th – January 6th at the Sheraton in RTP if you have not already registered for the meeting you need to do so ASAP.

2. Gator Raffle- The NCASWCD and the NCCDEA are having a gator raffle again this year. The drawing will take place at the Annual Meeting on January 6th. Please sale or return your unsold tickets to me before the New Year.

3. NCCDEA- It is that time of year again to renew your annual membership with the NC District Employees Association. The cost is \$10 for Supervisor and \$15 for employees.

4. Environmental Education Supplies- Marochak reported that Brooks and she are in need of some supplies for 2 Science Fairs and several classroom trainings planned between now and March. A motion was made by Supervisor Ray Eurquhart to approve \$75 for Environmental Education supplies. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

5. Area IV Envirothon- The Area IV Envirothon is asking for each district to donate \$100 toward the Area IV Envirothon. Supervisor Ray Eurquhart made a motion to pay \$100 to the Area IV Envirothon. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

J. NRCS Report - Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist reported that he was at Ellen Ziemer's yesterday along with her contractors and it looks like they are going to get started in January.

K. Director's Report –

County Budget- Director Eddie Culberson reported that they have asked us to make a 3% cut in our operating budget.

RC&D- Culberson reported that they received the Tobacco Trust Fund Grant at a reduced amount for \$500,000. This grant is to assist the dairy farmer in opening up a milk plant. The RC&D is going to purchase the equipment and rent it back to the co-op.

Staff and Associates Dinner- Culberson asked the board to purchase the staff and associate supervisors dinner for the meeting tonight. The cost of each plate is \$6 so the total would be \$36. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to pay for the dinner for the 4 staff members and the 2 Associate Supervisors in attendance at the meeting for a total of \$36. Supervisor Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Set Board Meeting Dates for 2009- Culberson reported that we normally meet the 1st Monday of every month except January we do not meet. In July, September and December we normally meet the 2nd Monday of the month. The board agreed to keep the board meetings the same for 2009

5. Adjourn

With no further business, Layton adjourned at 7:46 PM

Next Meeting: February 2, 2009 at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton

Chairman

Robert Rosenthal

Vice Chairman