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

Meeting Number: 05 (District Meeting) Date: July 7, 2008
Meeting Number: 01 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Secretary/Treasurer
Brenda Howerton, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Watershed Conservationist
Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist
Kathryn Spann, Associate Supervisor
Mary Combs, State Conservationist
Angela Little, Assistant State Conservationist
Steve Bennett, Regional Coordinator

1. Chairman Talmage Layton called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 5:34 PM
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart to accept the Financial Statement and approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal reported that they are moving ahead starting the basin wide planning process. Rosenthal reported that the next meeting has been canceled so they can do some local work.
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** – Vice Chairman Rosenthal reported that he is no longer the Chairman of the EAB Board but he is still an active member representing the Durham Soil & Water Board. Rosenthal report that the Green Building Committee is now working with the Sustainability Committee to work with the Sustainability Coordinator.
 - C. **Durham Farmland Protection** – Associate Supervisor Kathryn Spann reported that she is in the process of finalizing the definitions for the ranking system. Spann reported that the next meeting will be for the subcommittee and they are planning to meet Thursday, July 17th at 8:00am. Spann reported that the next official board meeting is scheduled for August 14th at 8:00am.
Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported that she submitted a grant to the NC Dept of AG for \$30,000 to help pay for a consultant for the Farmland Plan and she receive the entire amount that was requested.
 - D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** – Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison reported that he reviewed 16 plan since the last board meeting and 11 where adequate as follows: American Tobacco- Phase 3D; Southern Coach; Wynterfield Townhomes II (South); Brightleaf Tract 7 Phase 1 lot cleaning; Landon Farms- Phase 6A and 7A; Durham Academy upper school parking lot addition; Wyndmoor at the Park; Belcrest Subdivision- lot grading plan (lots 1-52); University Market Place; Southpoint Professional Phase III and Regional Warehouse Driveway. 5 of the plans where inadequate due to no seeding plan as follows: Jean Avenue Recombination; Pleasant Grove Business Park; American Tobacco Phase 3A; 5302 George King Road and Brown Property.

- E. Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison reported that he had 1 request for payment that Chairman Talmage Layton signed off on prior to the meeting. The request was for David Faulk with Kings Mill Dairy for the dry stack. Faison reported that Larry Graham the private Engineer has signed off on it but they are still waiting for Pete Crawford to sign off on it but he went ahead and sent it to the Division. Faison reported that Brent Bogue is planning to go to Kings Mill Dairy and take a look at it next week. Also Bogue is planning to finish up some other project that he already started like Ellen Zimmer’s Dry Stack.
- Faison reported that he needs the boards help to help him decide what to do with the drought recovery money. Faison passed out a copy of the recommended prioritization worksheet that David Williams from the Division of Soil and Water sent to him. After much discussion the board recommended that Faison run each application through the points system and see how they rank and bring a recommendation back to the board next month.
- F. Area IV Coordinator Report-** Area IV Coordinator Steve Bennett gave an updated report on the Legislative Session.
- Bennett reported that Lynn Sprague has accepted another job and is leaving the Division of Soil and Water. Bennett reported that Sandra Weitzel has been appointed interim Chief until the position is filled.
- G. CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported that she met with an engineer from NC State for him to review the four CCAP contracts and look at the sites that the Board approved last month. Brooks reported that after the Engineer reviewed the contracts he determined that two of the rain garden were undersized and one of the cisterns was too large. Brooks reported that two of the contracts got approved by the engineer for funding and two of the contracts need to be approved again because the money amount has change. The first one is for contact 32-08-501-09 for the Buchanan Blvd Project/Kings Daughter Inn. The contract was originally for a cistern and rain garden but since the rain garden was under sized more money is needed for the whole project. \$8,135 is new amount that needs to be approved which is a difference of about \$243. Brooks reported that the next contract is for Michele Hughes # 32-08-504-09 and it also needs to be amended. The original amount was for \$1,963 and new amount is for \$1,870. The rain garden was under designed and the homeowner after talking with the engineer decided to go with a smaller cistern so that is why the homeowner is getting less money. Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart made a motion to increase the funding for contract #32-08-501-09 to \$8,135 and to decrease the money for contract #32-08-504-09 to \$1,870. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- H. Stream Restoration** –Culberson reported that Will Summer has taken the place of Nancy Guthrie at Clean Water. Culberson reported that Summer wants to meet with Curtis Richardson and him and look at the Phase V Project at Sandy Creek.
- Culberson reported that Baker Engineering has asked us to enter into an agreement on the Lick Creek Project. Culberson reported that this is the standard agreement that the board has been agreeing to on other projects. Associate Supervisor Kathryn Spann reported that she looked over the contract and everything looks fine except she would prefer the standard contract to read on #5 in the heading “assignment by client” not by company. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal made a motion to approve the Baker agreement with the one word change recommended by Kathryn Spann. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- Culberson reported that EEP is putting over 1 million toward a stream restoration project on Goose Creek. Culberson reported that Durham SWCD worked on Goose Creek in the 90’s.
- Culberson reported that the School Board is going to be approving the Easement for the RN Harris Project in August. Culberson reported that the work will have to be done while the kids are in school.
- I. Environmental Education-** Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported that she and Administrative Officer Lisa Marochak have been working on the upcoming Food, Land and People Workshop that is going to be held on August 12th-13th. Brooks reported that so far they have had 10 participants to sign up.

J. Administrative Officer– Lisa Marochak reported that that they will be receiving a shipment of 50 rain barrels on 7/9 and 16 have already been spoken for. Marochak reported that the next sale will be on September 13th.

K. NRCS Report – Matt Kinane NRCS District Conservationist introduced himself to the board and staff and answered any questions the board and staff had. Matt gave Chairman Talmage Layton a form to sign for Eddie Culberson & Lynwood Faison authorizing them to have job approval authority.

L. Director’s Report – Director Eddie Culberson reported that we have 3 candidates that have filed to run in the election for the Board of Supervisors position that will fill Brenda Howerton’s. The 3 candidates are Daniele Adams, Ryan Echols and Kathryn Spann.

Culberson reported that we have our State matching funds application and we will be receiving \$4,000 again this year. We had asked for \$8,000 but the increase was not approved.

Culberson reported that we need to do an amendment to the contract for the West Village Project (Green Roof Project). Culberson reported that the actual line items have changed because we originally thought we were going to do some water monitoring but that is no longer the case. The City of Durham had a \$50,000 grant through EPA319 to pay for the cost of the water monitoring. The City turned the money back into EPA because they decided they no longer wanted the grant. Culberson reported that the people that work for Blue Devil Ventures have put in about \$500,000 toward the project so that is going to more than match the \$100,000 Durham SWCD is getting from Clean Water. In order to get the \$100,000 from Clean Water the board will have to do an amendment to the original contract with them. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to attend the original contract between Clean Water and the District and approve the new contract. Supervisor Brenda Howerton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4. New Business

A. Introduction of new NRCS District Conservationist- State Conservationist Mary Combs introduced to the Board and Staff the new NRCS District Conservationist Matt Kinane and Assistant State Conservationist Angela Little. The board expressed interest in having Matt come to our office 1 day a week and ride with Culberson and Faison so he can talk with farmers about the Federal programs.

B. Associate Supervisor Training- Director Eddie Culberson reported that Associate Supervisor Kathryn Spann is interested in attending a Land Trust Alliance Training that is going to be held September 18th-21st in Pittsburgh, PA. Associate Supervisor Kathryn Spann reported that she is interested in attending the workshop classes on legal issues (Preserving Family Land, Case Law Roundup, State Tax Credits, etc.) Spann reported that the cost of the seminar is \$1250 (includes District becoming a member, cost of rally, book, seminar and room) or \$1170 (without membership, cost of rally, book , seminars and room) Spann reported that she is willing to pay for her transportation to Pittsburgh, meals and \$100 cost for span to get Continuing Legal Education credits for attending.

A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart to give Spann \$1250 for the cost of the Seminar plus pay for her Transportation to Pittsburgh and back and \$34 per day for food. Supervisor Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

5. Adjourn

With no further business, Layton adjourned at 7:57 PM

Next Meeting: Monday August 4th at 5:30 PM

Talmage Layton

Chairman

Robert Rosenthal

Vice Chairman

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