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

Meeting Number: 04 (District Meeting) Date: June 2, 2008
Meeting Number: 10 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Watershed Conservationist
Brent Bogue, NRCS District Conservationist
Kathryn Spann, Associate Supervisor

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 Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to accept the Financial Statement and approve the minutes. Supervisor Brenda Howerton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal reported that the Upper Neuse River Basin Association is currently working on a Watershed Plan. Rosenthal reported that the new law does not require the Association to hold public meetings but they are planning to still hold them so that they can get input on the plan.
Rosenthal reported that they will have a couple of interns working on things this summer.
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** – Vice Chairman Rosenthal reported that they gave out the first Sustainable Property Award. The winner was the Home Depot model house and Honorable Mentions went to Eno Commons and Bryson Elementary School. Rosenthal reported that after Wednesday night he will no longer be the Chair of the EAB Board because you can only serve for two consecutive years and then you have to sit off for one year.
 - C. **Durham Farmland Protection** – Director Eddie Culberson reported that they had a subcommittee meeting on May 20th and finalized the ranking system. The subcommittee took the ranking system to the last board meeting that was held on May 22nd. The board accepted the ranking system at the May 22nd meeting. Culberson reported that at this time there are five landowners that have said that they are serious about entering into a Conservation Easement. The five names/farms will be run through the ranking system by Jane Korest and they will be brought back to a future Farmland Protection Board meeting. Culberson reported that the next board meeting is scheduled for June 19th at 8:00am.
 - D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** – Director Eddie Culberson reported that since the last meeting Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison has reviewed ten Sediment and Erosion Control Plans and ten were adequate as follows: Ashton Hall Subdivision, Phase 2-6; Courtyard at the Marriott- 1110 West Main St.; Page Road Business Park; Brightleaf at the Park Tract 10, Ph1&2; Biggerstaff & Crawley Avondale, LLC; Fayetteville Road Assemblage Phase 2B & 3; T.W. Alexander Properties; Lowes of S. Durham Partial Grading of RS-M (D) Portion; Horton Hills Phase 9-Section 10; Brightleaf at the Park Tract 8 Phase 1,2,3.

- E. Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Director Eddie Culberson reported that we have 1 contract for Bill Bagliani on Carpenter Pond Road. This is for a Dry Stack for horses and the contract number is 32/08/04/09. The total cost of the Dry Stack is \$19,776. Culberson reported that we only have \$18,297.00 left in this years allocations so Lynwood Faison would like to supplement the remaining balance once he receives next years allocation. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to accept the application as presented for Bill Bagliani for \$19,776 on contract # 32/08/04/09. Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to approve the Contract for \$19,776. Supervisor Brenda Howerton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- F. CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported that we have four contracts that need to be approved. The first contract is for Deanna Crossman she is turning the Kings Daughter Inn on N. Buchannan Blvd into a Bed and Breakfast. This is going to be a commercial property and they want an underground cistern and a backyard rain garden. The contract number is 32/08/501/09 for \$7,891.25. \$2,500 is from CCAP and \$5,391.25 is from CWMTF. The second contract is for Michele Hughes for a single family home located on Hillock Place. This contract is for a cistern and a backyard rain garden. The contract number is 32/08/504/09 for \$1,963.67. \$835.18 is from CCAP and \$1,128.49 is from CWMTF. The third contract is for the Durham County Government Cooperative Extension Building on Foster Street. The contract is for a 1000 gallon cistern. The contract number is 32/08/502/09 and is for \$1,709.41. The fourth contract is for Eno Commons located on Indian Creek Trail. The contract is for a 1000 gallon cistern. The contract number is 32/08/503/09 for \$1,709.41. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to approve the four contracts as they were presented. Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart to accept the four applications for Deanna Crossman a cistern and Backyard rain garden \$7,891.25, Michele Hughes a cistern and Backyard Rain Garden for \$1,963.67, Durham County Government Cooperative Extension a cistern \$1,709.41 and for Eno Common a cistern \$1,709.41. Supervisor Brenda Howerton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Brooks reported that we need to set a new batching period. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal to make the new batching period June 3rd- August 29th. Motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart. Motion passed without dissent.
- G. Stream Restoration** –Culberson reported that they have marked the places at Sandy Creek to take the equipment into the creek to do some clearing. Culberson reported that Perry Suggs an employee that works for EEP (Ecosystem Enhancement Program) is assisting CWMTF (Clean Water Management Trust Fund) because they are short an employee. Culberson reported that Perry Suggs met with them to look at Phase V. Culberson reported that we submitted an application to CWMTF for a little over 1 million dollars for Phase V of the Sandy Creek Project. Culberson reported that they are still doing the no rise survey on Lick Creek. Culberson reported that the preliminary thinking is that it will change the FEMA map but not change the flood plain and if it does at all it will actually shrink the flood plain it presently has. Culberson reported that he has met with several citizens that live in the Lick Creek neighborhood and they are concerned with all of the development that is going on up stream. Culberson reported that the citizens are questioning why we are going to put state funds into cleaning up something when they haven't gotten their act together in the development. Culberson reported that he told the citizens that they are S&E (Sediment and Erosion) practices and a separate department from ours. Culberson also told the citizens that our project is basically going to stabilize the channel where S& E are supposed to hold back the sediment on the construction site. Culberson reported that he is going to meet with the citizens, Becky Heron and the City/County Planner Director next week. Culberson reported that Kathryn Spann has been working with him on the Lick Creek Easement and they think they have the changes all made and they are ready to move forward.
- I. Environmental Education-** Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported that she has no new business to report.

J. Administrative Officer- Lisa Marochak reported that our Annual Awards Banquet was held on May 16th and about 142 people attended the banquet.

Marochak reported that Jennifer Brooks and she held a Conservation Sale this past Saturday May 31st and they sold 130 barrels. Marochak reported that they had planned to sell 250 barrels but over half of the people on the waiting list never showed up to pick up the barrels. Marochak reported that she is going to start requiring a \$25 deposit in order to hold a barrel for customers. This deposit will be non refundable if they do not show up.

Marochak reported that the Annual Spot Check was held on May 22nd at Kathryn Spann and David Krabbe's house. Marochak thanked Kathryn Spann for allowing us to cook out at her home site and Marochak thanked Robert Rosenthal for providing all of the meat for the cookout. Culberson reported they did a spot check on David Krabbe and Kathryn Spann's place and then we went to W.R. "Peewee" Harris and Wilma Garrett's farms. Culberson reported that they also looked at a pond that they assisted a lady with constructing.

K. NRCS Report – Brent Bogue NRCS District Conservationist reported that the Farm bill did pass and there are some expanded amounts of money in the bill. The Farmland Protection Program is one and the money looks like it has about doubled from the previous Farm Bill.

Bogue reported that Culberson and Faison had previously gotten the board to approve for them to be reinstated with the Job Approval Authority that was taken from them and the paper work was sent in but there was some confusion since it was sent in. Bogue reported that he called the area office today and they are going to send out new job approval forms. Bogue reported that you will get back job approval authority on everything you had in 2003.

L. Director's Report – Director Eddie Culberson reported that the Legislators are in session now and the Soil and Water districts are asking for several things, the most import thing that Supervisors will be interested in is an additional \$75,000 for Supervisors travel. Culberson asked that everyone contact their Legislators and let them know that we need them to support the things that Soil and Water is asking for. Culberson reported that the County Manager recommended everything that we asked for on the County Budget except the additional vehicle and gas for the vehicle.

Culberson reported that the plants on the Green Roof Project have been planted and that the board should plan to take a tour of the green roof.

Culberson reported that the Foundation has money that Soil and Water Districts can apply for to help with easements this includes surveys, appraisals and closing costs if the easements are funded by the Farmland Protection Program by the NC Department of Agricultural.

4. New Business

A. Annual Strategy Plan- Director Eddie Culberson presented a copy of the FY 2009 Annual Strategy Plan. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal made a motion to approve the Annual Strategy Plan as presented. Supervisor Brenda Howerton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

B. Annual Plan of Work- Director Eddie Culberson presented a copy of the FY 2009 Annual Plan of Work. Supervisor Brenda Howerton made a motion to approve the Annual Plan of Work. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

C. State Budget- Administrative Officer Lisa Marochak presented a copy of the State Budget to the board for them to review. Supervisor Brenda Howerton made a motion to approve the State Budget as presented except for a couple of minor changes. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

5. Adjourn

With no further business, Layton adjourned at 7:24 PM

Next Meeting: Monday July 7th at 5:30 PM

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Robert Rosenthal
Vice Chairman

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