

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 05(District Meeting)      Date: June 25, 2009  
Meeting Number: 11 (for State reporting purposes)

**Supervisors Present:**

Talmage Layton, Chairman  
Robert Rosenthal, Vice Chairman  
Danielle Adams, Secretary/Treasurer  
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  
Wayne Williams, Forest Ranger

1. Chairman Talmage Layton called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 12:13 PM
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Danielle Adams 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
    - County Farmland funding was restored in the FY2010 budget.
    - There should have been a partial closing on Roger Tilley's land that has the State funded portion of the easement this past Monday.
    - Gerry Cohn should be sending the Farmland Board a draft of the Farmland Plan next week.
  - B. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Robert Rosenthal reported on the following:
    - Upper Neuse River Basin Association is encouraging everyone that can to attend the next Fall Lake meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm.
    - Robert Rosenthal reported that he needs a board member to take over his spot on the Upper Neuse River Basin board.
  - C. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –Robert Rosenthal reported that the EAB has a new chair & vice chair and they are in the process of trying to reorganize.
  - D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Lynwood Faison reported that since the last meeting they have had 11 plans and all are adequate as follows: Smith Warehouse/Maxwell Street Parking Lot Alterations; Trinity School of Durham & Chapel Hill (Athletic Field); Secure Self-Storage #71; New Medical Facility-FMC # 6173-1; Hillandale Apartments; Duke Center for Living Parking Lot Expansion; Rose of Sharon; Durham Memorial Baptist Church; Maida Vale Lot 59 Portofino Place; Duke Bell Building Demolition; Geer Street Mini Storage.

**E. Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Lynwood Faison reported:

- Offered by division to extend 09' drought contracts until June 2, 2010
  - ◆ Contract # 32/09/04/09, 32/09/05/09, 32/09/07/09, 32/09/08/09, 32/09/14/09 extended until 6/2/2010.

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

- On May 5 they received notice that a freeze had been placed on all CCAP contracts.
- \$15,629 of the CWMTF money that was unallocated is no longer available.
- On June 16<sup>th</sup> they received word that the CWMTF projects with approved contracts can proceed.
- Possibility exists that remaining CWMTF CCAP \$ will be returned to Division.
  - ◆ Division will ask districts to re-request funds needed.
- Need 6 month extension on contract # 32/08/504/09. Robert Rosenthal made a motion to approve a 6 month extension for the rain garden plants to be planted this fall . Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 3 applications for assistance were already approved in FY 09 and need to be renumbered for FY 2010. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve for Jennifer Brooks to renumber application # 32/09/506/78, 32/09/506/15, 32/09/507/09, 32/09/508/15 for FY2010.
- Need the board to approve the application for assistance 32/10/504/09. The application is for a cistern at the George Watts Montessori School. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the application. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**G. Stream Restoration** – CWMTF held a telephone conference on June 4 to discuss the CWMTF money that the Governor pulled. \$879,000 of CWMTF money was taken from us. During the phone conference CWMTF announced that they will be recognizing the 2008 award recipients so it looks like we will be receiving that money back. CWMTF went on ahead and sent us the contracts that need to be signed. **1) Sandy Creek** - The first one is for the Innovative Stormwater Project this is the annabranching that will be conducted over on Sandy Creek. **2) RN Harris**- originally the contract was to expire July 31 but since we are needing to wait until the fall to plant the plants we had to ask for an extension on the contract until the end of the year. CWMTF has granted us the extension until the end of the year. **3) Gerald Thacker**- Gerald Thacker was originally going to donate 300 feet on both sides of the creek but due to economical stresses Gerald Thacker has decided he would rather get paid for this instead of donating. Eddie Culberson reported that he asked CWMTF if he could reduce the buffer width from 300 back to 50 feet on both sides and they agreed. We will be applying for a Natural Heritage Trust Fund Grant this September and the National Guard will be helping out with this project.

***Supplemental Agreement from Baker Engineering***

- 1) Lick Creek** – We applied for an UNCWI grant through the City of Raleigh for transaction cost. We received a grant for \$35,000. In addition to the transaction cost there was money in there for surveying, base line report, etc and we are going to sub this out to Baker Engineering and they have included it in the Supplemental Agreement. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the Supplemental Agreement to Baker Engineering involving the UNCWI funds. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2) Sandy Creek**- received grant for \$295,000 this spring for Phase 4 reach 2 of the Sandy Creek Project. This is a supplement to the original contract.

**Lick Creek**

Financial Responsibility for the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act- They are asking that the person for the entity assume responsibility in terms of funding the Project.

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

- **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. Eddie Culberson reported that the Envirothon Committee has rooms for \$50 per night and he would like the board to pay for our hotel expenses for 2 rooms. A motion was made

by Robert Rosenthal to pay for 2 rooms for 3 nights and also to allow them \$35 per day each for food not to exceed \$650. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **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. Lisa Marochak reported that we are asking for \$20 from participants to help pay for the cost of the books. Last year we spent around \$800 but this year the cost should be \$550 or less.
- **RCW-** This is a reminder that the Resource Conservation Workshop is going on this week at NC State. Lauren Scott the student that the board sponsored to attend will be speaking at next month's board meeting.
- **Dr. Marie Roberts Education Center-** The Soil and Water staff has decided to start making use of the land that Dr. Marie Roberts donated to the district. We are starting to solicit funds and grants to build a building on the land to use for educational training, awards banquet, etc. Eddie Culberson, Lisa Marochak and Jennifer Brooks will be at the land on Friday teaching Environmental Education classes to 4H students.

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

- **Composting Bins** – Lisa Marochak passed out a picture along with detailed information on two composting bins that the board could possibly purchase and resale. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to purchase 20 Soilsaver boxes. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Rain Barrels-** Sales are starting to pick up again. Marochak reported that they are ordering 10 to 15 at a time.
- **Area IV Envirothon-** The Area IV Envirothon meeting will be held July 30 10am at Quall Roost Farm in Bahama.

**J. NRCS Report** - Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist reported they had there batching period for EQIP and WHIP. They have an EQIP and WHIP application that have been approved for possible funding in Durham County. Michael Washington with NRCS was here earlier because they have to do quarterly audits on contracts.

**FRPP-** Matt Kinane reported that he received a letter yesterday informing him that NRCS approved \$220,000 in FRPP funds for the Ellis Farm.

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

- **Conservation Application & Agreement-** Need to get the board to approve a Conservation Application & Agreement for the Kings Mill Farm Dairy. This would be to accept Mr. David Falk as a cooperator of the district. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept Mr. David Falk as a Cooperator of the District. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Conservation Plan-** a motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the conservation plan for tract 1429 for 3 acres. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Pond Clinic-** The Durham SWCD annual Pond Clinic was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of James and Mary Ann Keith. 59 people were in attendance at the clinic.
- **County Budget** - Culberson reported that the County budget was approved on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with a 45% reduction in operating expenses for the Soil & Water department for FY 2010.
- **Extension Service** – Culberson informed the board that the Extension Service received a grant to deal with potential gang members. He further stated that he approached Delphine Sellars regarding the program and safety issues surrounding it. Delphine Sellars suggested a meeting to inform staff of the program. The meeting is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm at the AG Building.

**4. New Business:**

1. **State Budget** – Lisa Marochak presented the FY 2010 state budget to the board. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the State Budget as presented. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

2. **Annual Plan of Work-** Eddie Culberson presented a copy of the FY 2010 Plan of Work to the SWCD board. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the plan as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**5. Adjourn:**

The chairman adjourned at 2:15 PM.

**Next Meeting: July 13, 2009 at 5:30 pm**

*Talmage Layton*

**Chairman**

*Robert Rosenthal*

**Vice Chairman**