

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 02(District Meeting) Date: March 5, 2009
Meeting Number: 08 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor

Others Present:

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

1. Chairman Talmage Layton called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 5:38 PM
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to accept the Financial Statement and approve the minutes. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Jennifer Brooks reported that the 1st Stake Holders meeting was held on February 19th and several more meetings are being planned.
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –No report, Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal was not present.
 - C. **Durham Farmland Protection** – Eddie Culberson reported that due to the budget cuts all of the Open Space funds were cut from the budget for the remainder of this FY. There has been talk about a general obligation bond of referendum that is being considered for 2011 to raise farmland preservation funds.

The Farmland Board is planning to hold a tour in April for the County Commissioners to show them some of the Easement Projects.

A meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 10am in the Soil and Water Conference Room. Several people from the County and City have been invited to discuss the Farmland Plan.

The next Board meeting date was set for March 19th at 8:00am in the Soil and Water conference room.
 - D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Lynwood Faison reported that since the last meeting they have had 4 plans and 3 of them were adequate as follows: Farrington Road Widening; The Villas at Cape Arbor, Phase I and Duke University Wallace Wade Stadium (half time house and field expansion). 1 plan was inadequate as follows due to no seeding plan: O'Reilly Auto Parts.

E. Agricultural Cost Share Program –

- 1. Approval of contracts** - Lynwood Faison reported that he has 3 contracts that need to be approved. The first contract is for David Faulk (Kings Mill Dairy) for \$1,641. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve contract # 32/09/13/09 for an underground irrigation pipe. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. The second contract is for Steven Holder for a well to water his livestock, the total is \$5,900. \$2,300 is coming drought response money and \$3,600 from Ag Cost-Share. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve contract #32/09/14/09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. The third contract is for Randy and Kelly Hamilton for a well to water livestock, the total is \$5,900. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve contract #32/09/15/09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

Lynwood reported that \$45,892 of the drought money has been used leaving a \$9 balance of unspent funds.

- 2. Contract Extension** – A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to give a 6 month extension to three regular Ag Cost-Share contracts 32/09/12/09, 32/09/10/09 and 32/09/11/09. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to give an extension on all drought contracts to June 10, 2010. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- F. CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist, Jennifer Brooks reported that she has a request for payment for the Museum of Life and Science on an underground cistern. The amount of the request is \$4,075 for contract # 32-09-503-09. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the payment for \$4,075. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

G. Stream Restoration –

- 1. CWMTF**- Culberson reported that the Governor has taken 1 million dollars from CWMTF budget. If you already have a contract with CWMTF that was signed then you get to keep your money but if the contract has not been signed and sent back to you then the money is being taken back. \$875,000 is being taken back from Durham SWCD. There is going to be a special meeting next Wednesday at CWMTF regarding this issue.
- 2. R.N. Harris** – Culberson reported that we still have the grant money for RN Harris. The plat and easement have been signed and filed.

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

- 1. Envirothon** - This year they have 14 teams; 10 High School and 4 Middle School. Brooks reported that the Area IV Envirothon will be held in Wilson, NC this year on March 13th.
Brooks reported that the State Envirothon will be held on April 24th and 25th in Burlington.
- 2. Teachers workshop** - Brooks reported that Laura Webb Smith and she will be holding a Project WET workshop for teachers at R.N. Harris Elementary School on March 19th and March 26th from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Brooks reported that she has been asked to take care of the snacks for both days. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to allow Brooks to spend up to \$50 on snacks for the two days. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

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

- 1. Earth Day** – This event will take place on April 25th and she is in need of volunteers to help work the booth.
- 2. Awards Banquet**- Neil Frank has graciously secured the Bahama Ruritan Club for our Awards Banquet this year.

- J. NRCS Report** - Matt Kinane, NRCS District Conservationist reported on the Freedom of Information Act. Matt Kinane passed out the following documents: Memo about Section 1619; Attachment A, Attachment 1, Attachment 2 and Attachment C.
- K. Director's Report** – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:
- 1. Piedmont RC&D-** The President voted to allow \$0 to RC&D.
 - 2. County Budget-** Soil and Water department has been asked to cut their budget by 10% which equals out to be 45% of their operating budget.

5. Adjourn:

With no further business, the chairman adjourned at 7:10 PM

Next Meeting: April 6, 2009 at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton
Chairman

Robert Rosenthal
Vice Chairman