

MINUTES

Durham Soil and Water Conservation District 201 E Main St/floor 5, Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Number: 8 (District Meeting)

Date: September 9, 2019

Meeting Number: 2 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Danielle Adams, Vice Chairman
Curtis Richardson, Secretary/Treasurer
David Harris, Supervisor
Natalie Murdock, Supervisor
Becky Emmons, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Services Mngr.
Jessica Perrin, Watershed Conservationist
Kyle Gentry, Natural Resources Conservationist
Allie Dinwiddie, Central Regional Coordinator

A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, August 5, 2019, and called to order at 5:39 pm by the Secretary/Treasurer, Curtis Richardson. The meeting was held at Soil and Water Conference Room, 201 E Main St, floor 5, Durham, NC 27701.

Minutes/Financial Report– A motion was made by David Harris to approve the minutes from the August meeting and to accept the financial report. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by David Harris to approve the agenda as presented. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update-** *David Harris gave an update on the UNRBA.*
- The next Path Forward Committee meeting will be October 1 at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Town of Butner Town Hall.
 - Falls Lake Rules should be finished by 2023.
- B. Administrative Report-** Lisa Marochak reported on the following:
- a. **Area IV Fall Meeting-** will be held Thursday, November 21st in Franklin County. Please bring \$25 to the next board meeting if you are planning to attend.
 - b. **Resolutions-** due by October 10th to Franklin SWCD.
 - c. **Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)-** one project at Willowhaven on Constitution Drive was approved for funding USDA/NRCS. This project will be subbed out to Piedmont Conservation Council. EWP will pay PCC the administrative fee.
 - d. **Funding paid since the last meeting:** CCAP \$422 and \$35 stop payment fee for a lost check (Jordan Brophy Hilton). Stream Restoration \$1,900 to Civil Environmental Consultants.

E. Community Conservation Assistance Program- Jessica Perrin reported on the following:

- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the four FY19 Applications as presented to rollover to FY20. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

32-2019-507	32-2020-503	Lenzi
32-2019-512	32-2020-504	de Miranda
32-2019-530	32-2020-505	Rooney
32-2019-519	32-2020-506	Lambert

- **Regional CCAP Application (conditional approval)-** A motion was made by David Harris to Conditionally approve staff to submit two projects to the Regional CCAP Application Process, pending the submission of necessary paperwork and approval from the applicants and landowners before the deadline on September 30, 2019. *(1. Fayetteville Elementary, Critical Area Planting, recommend high priority designation. 2. Hillandale Elementary, Swales, recommend medium priority designation).* Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **City Spot Check-Compliance letter (informational only):** Board chairman signed the out of compliance letter for 32-2014-507 (Raney) for a disconnected cistern.

E. Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP) and AGWRAP - Kyle Gentry reported on the following:

Ag Cost Share

- **Applications for Assistance-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to batch and approve the three applications for assistance as follows: 1) 32-2020-005 (Bright Star Stable) manure composting facility, ranking score 95. Will have to attend the November Commission meeting with a Supervisor. David Harris will attend the Commission meeting. 2) 32-2020-003 (Steven Holder) for Livestock Exclusion System, ranking score 85. 3) 32-2020-004 (Tierra Negra Farm) for micro-irrigation, ranking score 75. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Contracts:**
 - 32-2020-003 (Steven Holder) for \$11,486 for Livestock Exclusion System, ranking score 85. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 32-2020-004 (Tierra Negra Farm) for \$8,491 for micro-irrigation, ranking score 75. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 32-2020-005 (Bright Star Stables) for \$8,182 for Manure Composting Facility-special request, ranking score 95. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Request for Payment**
 - A motion was made by David Harris to approve the RFP for contract # **32-2018-008-** Brightstar Stables, Manure Composting Facility, \$23,180. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- A motion was made by David Harris to approve the RFP for contract # 32-2019-006-Brightstar Stables, Manure Composting Facility-supplemental contract, \$8,035. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
- **Informational**
 - **Farmer Appreciation Dinner-** November 18 at 6:00 pm
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F. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects – Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

a. Grove Park Project-

- Just received the contract back from DWR
- CWMTF is meeting on Thursday to decide on applications.
 - o Submitted application for \$475,000.

b. Marbrey/Jackson-

- Amendment was submitted on the budget to DWR. (added \$110,000 UNCWI Funding-PCC).
- Other funding: CWMTF \$450,000 and DWR \$200,000
- Walk through with landowners and funding sources will be later this month.

c. Riverside High School-

- Submitted letter of interest to EEG
- A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the EEG Agreement and Certification Form for the Riverside High Project. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- CWMTF is meeting on Thursday to decide on applications
 - o Submitted application to CWMTF for \$382,000
- Already received \$200,000 from DWR

d. Dunbarton- getting ready to start. Just received the permit through Land Quality.

G. Ag Development/Farmland Protection Advisory Board- Mike Dupree reported on the following:
(*Provided handout and gave update*)

- **Ag Grant Program-** letters will be sent out later this week to everyone that applied for funding.
- **DPS Hub Farm-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve submitting an EEG application for \$258,000. If the funding is received it will pay to retrofit the ponds and dam. The total cost of the project \$314,000. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Farmland Board-** The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 8:00 am. The FPAB Ordinance Committee is working on updating the ordinance.

H. Environmental Education Report- Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **Environmental Field Days-** Will be held October 22-24 at the DPS HUB Farm.
- **Big Sweep-** The official day is October 5 but clean-ups will be held during the month of September until early November. Please let Lisa know if you are interested in participating in a cleanup, or if you want to get a group together to do a cleanup.

I. Bahama Community Park Committee Update- Lisa Marochak gave an update to the Durham SWCD Board on the advisory committee meeting that was held on June 25. Lisa Marochak represented

Durham Soil and Water at the meeting. Also, Danielle Adams provided an update on the buffers and trails that are being proposed by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting – October 7, 2019 at 5:30 pm

The meeting will be held at the Admin II Building (201 E Main St, floor 5, Durham, NC 27701) in the Soil and Water Conference Room.



Vice Chairman



Senior Administrative Officer

10/7/19
Approval date