

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 9 (District Meeting)

Date: October 7, 2019

Meeting Number: 3 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Danielle Adams, Vice Chairman
David Harris, Supervisor
Melissa Rooney, Associate Supervisor

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Senior Administrative officer
Mike Dupree, Agribusiness & Environmental Services Mngr.
Jessica Perrin, Watershed Conservationist

A regular meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Monday, October 7, 2019, and called to order at 5:33 pm by the Chairman, Talmage Layton. 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 September meeting and to accept the financial report. Natalie Murdock 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- *Natalie Murdock gave an update on the UNRBA.*

- The next Path Forward Committee meeting will be November 20 at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Town of Butner Town Hall.
- Provided UNRBA update that will be emailed to the board.

B. Directors Report- *Eddie Culberson reported on the following:*

- *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. NRCS will pay 75% and the Division of Soil and Water will pay 25%. A motion was made by David Harris to approve EWP project as presented and to approve EWP paying the administrative fee to PCC. Durham SWCD will be a sponsor. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

C. Administrative Report- Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- 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.
- FLP Donation-** A motion was made by David Harris to approve the \$100 donation to support the 2020 FLP Program. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Resolution from Franklin SWCD-** tabled until the Area IV Fall meeting

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

- **FY19 319 grant funds and FY19 City Interlocal Funds:** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve to update the contract installation timeline to 1-year deadline for future cost-share contracts. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried
- **Applications for Assistance-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the application for assistance for 32-2020-508 (O'Meara) for impervious surface conversion to grass, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River, ranking score 170. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Contracts:**
 - 32-2020-508 (O'Meara) for \$1,827 for Impervious conversion to grass, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River, ranking score 170. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 32-2020-505 (Rooney) for \$929 for cistern accessories package and base (already has tank), Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River, ranking score 165. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 32-2020-504 (de Miranda) for \$3,996 for a riparian buffer and permeable pavement, Ellerbe Creek, Neuse River ranking score 155. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Request for Payment (Perry/Naseem) for \$1,827 for a riparian buffer, Northeast Creek, Cape Fear, ranking score 180. Based on the original allocation of \$3,050 of FY19 319 funds for the riparian buffer, \$1,223 is returned to the district. \$1,950 of City Interlocal funds remain for the downspout disconnection. A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve the contract as presented. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)- Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

Informational

- **Farmer Appreciation Dinner-** November 18 at 6:00 pm
- **Remaining funds-** \$27,000
- **Soil and Water Commission Meeting-**David Harris and Eddie Culberson will be attending the November 19 Commission Meeting to ask for an increase approval for Brightstar Stables.

F. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

a. Marbrey/Jackson-

- Amendment A motion was made by David Harris to approve the DWR amendment on the budget (added \$110,000 UNCWI Funding-PCC). Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Walk through with landowners and funding sources was done last week.

b. Grove Park Project-

- CWMTF Trustees met in September to decide on which applications would be funded. This project was moved to the provisional list.

c. Dunbarton CWMTF Extension Request- A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve

the extension request until March 31, 2020 with CWMTF. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- **Ag Grant Program-** The Agriculture Economic Development Grant Committee received twenty-two farm applications requesting \$170,580.50 for projects and four school projects requesting \$3,378. The grant review committee allocated funds to the following: Carolina Culture Farm \$10,000 for facility upgrades to meet state manufacturing mandates; Southwind Farms \$8,815 for a produce washing station for compliance with FMSA & GAP; Durham Greens Farms \$10,000 for water supply to a packing shed and greenhouse heaters and cooling upgrades; The Microgreenery \$3,395 for a mobile kitchen & food safety compliance; Tierra Negra Farms \$9,135 for packing shed and vegetable storage cooler for food safety compliance; Reality Ministries \$6,187 for growing supplies for the community farm, DPS Hub Farm \$1,000 for plants; Northern High School \$1,000 for greenhouse supplies; and Lakewood Montessori \$382 for seed and soil to start pollinator garden.
- **Fall plant sale-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve paying for the cost of the Fall plant order for the Riverside, Southern and Northern High Schools. The plants will be delivered to the schools on November 6 and the schools will pay for the plants they ordered. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **RAFI Grant-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve for the district to sponsor a RAFI information session on November 12 in the evening from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Northern High School-** A motion was made by Danielle Adams to approve up to \$500 to cover the cost of lunch and snacks for 31 NHS freshman. The students are interested in learning about career opportunities in agriculture, so the Durham Soil and Water staff will be taking them to visits three farms on October 30. David Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried. A substitute motion was made by David Harris to approve the requested amount of \$200. Natalie Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 was held on October 5. There will be several clean-ups 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- David Harris gave an update to the Durham SWCD Board on the Bahama Day Event that was held on October 5. Danielle Adams reported that the committee is working on an MOU for the park.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Next Meeting: Durham SWCD Board Meeting – November 4, 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.

Chairman

Senior Administrative Officer

Approval date