

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 01 (District Meeting)      Date: February 6, 2006  
Meeting Number: 07 (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  
Lynwood Faison, Soil Conservationist  
Millie H. Tilley, Office Manager  
Jennifer Brooks, Watershed Conservationist  
Brent Bogue, District Conservationist  
Steve Bennett, Area IV Coordinator

1. Chairman Talmage Layton called the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
2. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Ray Eurquhart to approve the Minutes and receive the Financial Report. Supervisor Brenda Howerton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **Old Business**
  - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Not present.
  - B. **Durham Farmland Protection** – Director Eddie Culberson reported the Farmland Board will hold a spring workshop for landowners whom are interested in selling development rights and participating in the VAD program on May 20 at the Bahama Ruritan Club.
  - C. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** – No report.
  - D. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** – Soil Conservationist Lynwood Faison presented six Sediment and Erosion Control Plans: Four were adequate as follows: Ganyard Towns; Cornwallis Commerce Center; Harris Teeter Willowdaile; and Daniels Farm Subdivision. Two were inadequate as follows: Marena Place and Eno Falls Subdivision.
  - E. **Agricultural Cost Share Program** – Faison reported he had an application for Susie Ellis for cropland conversion to grass. Vice Chairman Robert Rosenthal made the motion to approve. Supervisor Brenda Howerton Seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Faison reported that since the board had approved the application, he had the contract on Ms. Ellis for 21.9 acres in the amount of \$4,928 for approval. Rosenthal made the motion to approve. Howerton seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
  - F. **Stream Restoration** – Culberson reported that Triple Crown Farms was in the process of being sold. This is a big part of the stream reach and the new owner is Michael Whitehead. Culberson stated he has an appointment on Monday, February 13 to get him on board with the stream restoration project.  
  
Culberson reported he was working with Jeff Keaton of W.K. Dickson of RN Harris and the deadline is March 31 for submitting for the stormwater component of the project. Culberson stated he was going to approach Durham Tech to see if they would fund a couple of water monitoring devices since he had not been successful with obtaining any from the City of Durham.

Culberson reported that he was in touch with the third project, Third Fork Creek and let them know that if they were interested in more of what EEP had done on the other side, we were available.

G. **Forestry** – Not Present

H. **Environmental Education** – Watershed Conservationist Jennifer Brooks reported we have four Envirothon teams this year, three high schools and one middle school. Brooks stated she has been in touch with many resource people to set up training for them; we have two sessions set up – one on soils and one on forestry. Brooks reported we have three teachers doing posters for our Poster Contest. Brooks reported she was meeting with Laura Smith who is in charge of the education for Durham City Stormwater program on February 16 to see if we can fit in with helping on the education and outreach. Brooks reported she is looking in to different grants for several of our projects.

I. **NRCS Report** – District Conservationist Brent Bogue stated that the budget is tight this year; there will be less money for several of the programs – EQIP, FPP, etc. plus our hours to work on the programs have been cut way back.

J. **Director's Report** – Culberson reported he had the application for the Conservation Hall of Fame if the supervisors wanted to submit someone from Durham. Culberson reported the March 6 Board meeting falls on the day he will be attending stream restoration training and if the Board needed him here, we would need to move the meeting to another date. After some discussion, a motion was made by Eurquhart to move the meeting to March 13, beginning at 5:30. Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

K. **Area IV Coordinator Report** – Steve Bennett reported the new Division Director, Manley Wilder, is planning on coming to our next Board meeting to meet with us. Bennett reported the Area IV Spring meeting will be Thursday, February 9.

4. **New Business**

L. **Employee Awards Program** – Tabled until next meeting.

M. **County Budget** – Culberson reported the county budget is due on March 17 and our hearing date window is March 31 – April 13.

With no further business, Eurquhart moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 PM. Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday March 13, 2006 at 5:30 PM**

Agricultural Building, Upstairs Conference Room

Talmage Layton

Robert Rosenthal

**Chairman**

**Vice Chairman**

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