

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday May 1st, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Government Center Multi-purpose Room

Board Members in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Ned Hudson, Louis Suther

Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan (staff), Clint Brooks (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff), Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Rich Koch (Cabarrus County attorney), Brandon and Jeri Bowman

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Vicky Porter.

(2) Approval of Agenda

After discussion and UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter and seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the moving of item # 6.2 to the beginning of the meeting and approved the agenda with that change.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for April 3rd Meeting

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes for April 3rd without correction.

(6.2) Brandon Bowman Conservation Easement Oakwood Avenue

Brandon Bowman spoke to the Board regarding his easement on his property. This easement was originally put on the land by the Bost Family. The Bowman's are the 3rd property owners. The City of Kannapolis wants to take part of the easement property for a greenway that is part of the Carolina Thread Trail. Mr. Bowman wanted to know if there is anything the Board can do to stop the trail or to modify the easement conditions. Rich Koch told him that the conservation easement will not stop the trail. In order to make any changes on the easement property, the provisions of the easement must be held accountable. After Mr. Bowman's presentation and the ensuing discussion, it was asked that Mr. Bowman get with his lawyer and outline specific changes that he would like to pursue. Mr. Koch

will then look at each item separately and in light of the easement and report back to the Board his findings.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Board, Partner, and Staff Report

No Board or partner reports given.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Clint Brooks reported that Tommy Porter's contract should be ready soon.

The Army Corps of Engineers came out last week and looked at the Almond project to see if it was a viable project. They need a design from the state engineer's office. Jeff Young agreed to get that to us after his staff will come out next week to see the site.

The Army Corps of Engineers also said the Moose project just needed a few more details in the engineering design. This will be added by the state engineers.

JM Robinson project plans have been sent to Burrage Construction.

4.3 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported on a successful state Envirothon and Stewardship Banquet. Our public speaking contest winner, Anthony Stephenson will represent us on May 11th in the state competition. All our contest winners will be recognized at the County Commissioners' Meeting on May 21st. We have raffle tickets for a Yeti cooler and cups to support the District Employees Association.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Suther Prairie closing date is approaching.

Louise Houston's Easement is started with a meeting in the future with the family. Daniel mentioned that we might need to put wording about a trail in the easement.

The Land Trust has asked about the county helping with an easement on the Williams property. More details to come.

(5) Unfinished Business

5.1.1 Spot Checks

Clint Brooks reported that spot checks went well. Jeff Goforth, Louis Suther, Daniel McClellan and Clint Brooks went on these. Vicky Porter wanted to put in the record that she was not on site nor at the spot check for her farm. She signed the spot check report only as the Chairperson of the Board.

5.2 Strategy Plan

Clint Brooks presented the strategy plan, audit and ranking sheets information. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter and seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the strategy plan and ranking sheets for 2019. UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the 2015-17 Audit.

(6) New Business

6.1 Request for payment

Clint Brooks presented the request for payment for JLP Holdings. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request for payment for JLP Holdings.

(7) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairman



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer

