

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 5:30 p.m.**

**Government Center Multi-purpose Room**

Board Members in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter (arrived late), Ned Hudson, Louis Suther (arrived late), Jeff Goforth (left early)

Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan (staff), Clint Brooks (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff), Kelly Sifford (Department Head)

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson Vicky Porter.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth and seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the meeting agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for May 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes for May 1<sup>st</sup> without corrections.

(4.1) Brandon Bowman Conservation Easement Oakwood Avenue

Discussion on this topic included specific responses needed to be given to Mr. Bowman based on his presentation at the last Board meeting and subsequent conversations with the county attorney Rich Koch, district staff and Board members since our last meeting.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth and seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to send a correspondence to Mr. Brandon Bowman showing that Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District will seek no compensation due to greenway condemnation by the City of Kannapolis.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth and seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to send correspondence to Mr. Bowman that the Board is willing to work with him under the

conditions of the easement, which need to be clarified by county legal counsel.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to correspond with Mr. Bowman that district staff are willing to work with him to write a conservation plan for the property. Mr. Bowman needs to take the initiative on this by contacting the office, since this is voluntary.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to wait on legal interpretation of the size of a pool allowed under the conservation easement on the property.

#### (5) Informational Items

##### 5.1 Board, Partner, and Staff Report

No Board or partner reports given.

##### 5.2 Division Funds Report

Clint Brooks reported that the JM Robinson project plans are awaiting bids. He reported additional problems in communicating with the state engineer on the Moose and Almond projects. Vicky Porter will draft a letter from the Board on this issue.

The CCAP survey from the Division was gone through and agreed to be sent on.

##### 5.3 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Rensburg reported on an updated website presence, teacher training workshops and teaching opportunities coming this summer. She also asked the Board to decide who would be representing the district at the Southeast NACD conference in Williamsburg, VA August 2-8. Reservations need to be made. No decision was made on this.

##### 5.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Suther Prairie closing is

approaching. Louis Suther is traveling out of the country, so it cannot happen during that time period.

Daniel mentioned meeting about Louise Houston's Easement. We are awaiting her decision on a homestead site on the property.

The Land Trust has asked the county to help with an easement on the Williams property in Midland on the Rocky River. It entails receiving \$15,000 from the County to make this happen. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter and Seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to request the funds from the County Commission to allow the district to help with this conservation easement.

#### (6) New Business

##### 6.1 Request for payment

Clint Brooks presented the request for payment for Tommy Porter. It was signed by Jeff Goforth.

##### 6.2 Closed Session

The Board did not go into closed session, since the County's legal counsel was not able to be present at the meeting.

#### (7) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Jeff Goforth, Vice- Chairman

  
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Ned Hudson, Member

