

## **CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 5:30 p.m.**

### **Government Center Multi-purpose Room**

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

Others in attendance: Lynn Shue (County Commission liaison), Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Daniel McClellan (staff), Clint Brooks (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff)

#### (1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by chair Vicky Porter at 5:31 p.m.

#### (2) Approval of Agenda

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

#### (3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for July 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes for July 3<sup>rd</sup> without correction.

#### (4) Informational Items

##### 4.1 Division Funds Report

Clint Brooks reported that the Tommy Porter project is completed, thus 2016 money is closed out. 2017 projects are Ryan Bunch and Howard Boger. Eddie Moose and Almond Farm are still on hold. We still need final design for Almond Farms to have No Rise Study done. Moose needs a stamp on final design. Reached out to engineers for state to get this.

2019 PY Cost Share Allocations: \$48,342 in agriculture cost share; \$10,988 in Impaired and Impacted Streams, and \$7,709 for AgWrap.

Discussion occurred about the continued lack of communication from the state engineers.

##### 4.2 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that an annual report is being finalized and will be sent to Board members prior to sending it to the County Commissioners.

We are starting adult education presentations with Rotary Clubs. Send any other types of club contacts who might want presentations to Tammi.

Appointment of S & W Board member for Louis' seat needs to be finalized and signed at next month's meeting. Tommy will talk to Zach Moffitt.

Dates for calendars: October 6<sup>th</sup> Big Sweep Cabarrus at Odell Primary School and Hector H Henry Greenway; Public Speaking contest January 31<sup>st</sup> and Stewardship Banquet April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Next month's meeting will occur in Conference Room B.

#### 4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Suther Prairie had closed with the county and the law firm is working on the transfer to the state. The Plant Conservation Division has said that CSWCD will still have input on how things are managed.

Louise Houston has not come back with her ideas for the easement that she wants to donate. We may not have the funds to make it happen this year.

Federal request to monitor has been carried out on Porter Farms and Dan Barrier and reports sent in. The rest of the easements will be monitored in the fall when it is easier to see.

Oliver Hill easement has been funded by the state. Federal application is due in January.

Michael Barrier easement may have been funded, but CSWCD hasn't received official notice.

(5) New Business

5.1 Oliver Hill Grant

Daniel McClellan reported that he needs to go to the County Commission Work Session to request a budget amendment to create an expense account for the Oliver Hill easement.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board directed Daniel to go to the County Commission Word Session and request an expense account for the Oliver Hill easement.

5.2 Resolution

Daniel McClellan explained that this resolution came from another district. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the resolution.

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adopt the resolution.

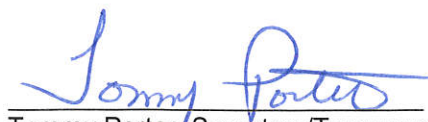
(6) Closed Session due to conservation plan

Vicky Porter relinquished the meeting to vice-chair Jeff Goforth. Lynn Shue excused himself. At 6:04 p.m. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Vicky Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board elected to move into closed session due to "Legally Confidential Information based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008" with invitees Kelly Sifford, Daniel McClellan, Clint Brooks and Tammi Remsburg. One conservation plan was approved during the closed session. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther and carried unanimously, the Board moved out of closed session at 6:08 p.m.

(7) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairman

  
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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer

