

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday February 5th, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Board members in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Ned Hudson, Zach Moffitt

Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (department head), Daniel McClellan (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff)

(1) Call to Order

Chairperson Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for December 4th Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Zach Moffitt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the December 4th, 2018 meeting as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Division Funds Report

Daniel McClellan reported the new applications are not ready for the Board to sign. He reported that there is \$50,000 for cost share projects and over \$10,000 for impaired/impacted streams. The CCAP application for Ted Bullock is awaiting engineer input. The Moose project is waiting for drier working conditions. Discussion of the Mike Harkey project: he was waiting on Duke Power to see if he could get power to the site. Daniel will check with him again and if it is not possible, we will go on to the next applicant.

4.2 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that our Elementary Conservation Teacher of the Year, Mary Ferguson, was awarded at the Annual Meeting. There was a total of 2024 students participating in the annual conservation contests. Judging will be finished by Friday. Mark your calendars: March 6th, Area 8 meeting at Stanly (details to be determined) and April 30th Stewardship Banquet at the Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. Tammi has been very busy with

Project Food, Land & People training, preschool programs, Project Learning Tree Advisory Committee, contests, and monthly library programs for home-schoolers.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that staff has been busy putting together Hill project application—awaiting new Federal forms. The language for the easements has been sent to Rich Koch for approval. February 18th is the meeting with Kelly's advisory committee to get the funds for easements.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Glen Peninger Property

The board discussed the email string from the heirs and decided that any questions about the property need to be asked to district and county staff instead of directly going to Rich Koch. It was also discussed that legal fees need to be covered as part of the settlement with the family if an easement is not signed.

(6) New Business

6.1 New staff

Chuckie Bass has been hired as the new Resource Conservation Specialist. He is currently the CREP manager and has worked with the NC Forest Service. He starts February 18th.

6.2 Request to move travel money

Daniel McClellan asked for the Board's approval to move unused travel money (with county's approval) to cover 2 requests for donations—North American Envirothon for \$1000 and NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation for \$1000. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to request the Board travel money to be moved to cover both one-time donations.

6.2a The North American Envirothon is a one-time request due to the event being in Raleigh this year.

6.2b The Foundation request is going to be an annual \$1000. The Board agreed to this year's request and discussed where the funds will be used within the Foundation. Due to the county budget being due this month, Tammi and Daniel need to put it in requests for next

