

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday November 6th, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Government Center Multi-purpose room

Board Members in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Louis Suther, Ned Hudson, Zach Moffitt (associate)

Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Daniel McClellan (staff), Clint Brooks (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff), Madelyn Suther & Jennifer Hampton (guests)

(1) Call to Order

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

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for October 2nd Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the October 2nd meeting without correction.

(4) Special Presentation

Tammi Remsburg called Louis Suther up to thank him for his 19 years + 3 months service to the Board of Supervisors for Cabarrus Soil & Water. Members of his family were also in attendance. Vicky Porter thanked him on behalf of the board. He was presented with a gift card from the board and department head. Louis addressed the board with words of wisdom. Vicky Porter also thanked Clint Brooks for his work with the district. He is moving on to a job with Mecklenburg County Nature Preserves.

(5) Informational Items

5.1 Division Funds Report

Clint Brooks presented the updates on cost share programs. Eddie Moose has signed the contract and it has been submitted to the state. Almond Farm LLC has signed the contract and is awaiting state design plans. The county has agreed to pay for the no-rise study.

The potential AGWRAP project for Mike Harkey was discussed. The producer has talked to Louis Suther, Vicky Porter and Clint Brooks about state regulations of using pole power or solar panel. The producer was trying to use alternative power that doesn't follow the AGWRAP regulations. After discussion of the board, the consensus was that the money should be used for the next producer on the list.

5.2 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that 27 people participated in Big Sweep Cabarrus and the participants were from contacts made by Tammi or Mandy Smith-Thompson from Concord. She reported that two preschools are now receiving nature classes on an every other week basis. There are still raffle tickets available for the Bass Pro/Cabela's gift cards for fund raising for the NC District Employees Association.

5.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan announced that the Suther Prairie is officially in the hands of the state plant conservation service.

Monitoring of district held conservation easements will occur in the remainder of the calendar year.

ADFP easements (Hill & Barrier) were bid out and qualifications ranked. Contracts are in process. There was an issue with the Hill easement property being zoned OI. This will have to be rezoned before the easement can take place. This may be something that the county can do—Kelly Sifford is working on this.

The CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) items were discussed and UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board approved the CIP items and amounts as presented.

(6) Old Business

6.1 Glen Peninger Property

Daniel McClellan brought up the cost of legal fees and conservation easement costs that come out of our budget and how should he estimate the future cost of this property. After board discussion, it was decided to not pursue anything in this case at this time, but

