CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Tuesday May 7th, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Jeff Goforth, Tommy Porter, Ned Hudson
Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Daniel McClellan (Staff), Chuckie Bass (Staff) and Tammi Remsburg (Staff)

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30 by reading the following conflict of interest statement: “In the interest of preserving public confidence in the actions of this Board, the chair reminds members of their duty to avoid any conflicts of interests and inquires as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to matters to come before the Board.” Hearing no conflict of interests, she went on to agenda item #2.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

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

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the April 2nd meeting as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Division Funds Report

Updates were given on the current grants. Daniel McClellan said that the Moose and Almond projects may need extensions. After talking to the Division of Soil & Water, he reported that a letter with dates of contacts needs to be drafted before the next meeting. Daniel is tasked with compiling the letter and it will be presented at the June 4th meeting. After discussing the possibility of extensions for the Moose and Almond projects, the Board verbally agreed to waive the policy of producers having to come
to a meeting to request the extension. This is due to the conditions for which the extensions are necessary being beyond the control of the producers.

4.2 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported results on the Envirothon, Conservation Contests, City Nature Challenge and the finish to the school year and plans for next year.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan gave an update on the Barrier Easement and Hill Easement. He also said that there are requests for next year, including a donated easement that will need to be ranked and followed up upon.

(5) New Business

5.1 2020 Division Programs Strategy Plan

Daniel McClellan presented the strategy plan with amounts to be asked for: $135,000 for Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP); $40,000 for Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP); $20,000 for Agriculture Cost Share Program Special Allocation (Impaired and Impacted Streams ACSP); $10,000 for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP); and $42,000 for Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP). No questions were asked about the strategy plan, ranking forms and program audit.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the 2020 strategy plan, including ranking forms and audit.

5.2 Request for payment

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the request for payment of JLP Holdings 13-2017-002 $3978
5.3 Approval of Spot Checks

Chuckie Bass went through the spot checks, which happened on 5-1-2019 by Chuckie, Daniel McClellan and Zach Moffitt. All eight spot checks were in compliance. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the spot checks of May 1, 2019.

(6) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Vicky Porter, Chairman

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer