

## MINUTES

### CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

**Supervisors Present: Vicky Porter, Jeff Goforth, and Louis Suther.**

**Staff Present: Tammi Rensburg and Daniel McClellan**

**Others Present: Kelly Sifford, Department Head**

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vicky Porter at 5:30 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Louis Suther, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for February 6th Meeting

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with no corrections.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Board, Partner, and Staff Report

Daniel McClellan reported that no response had been given about the engineering needs letter sent by the board last month to Jeff Young at the division. Daniel had emailed Jeff Young this morning and got a letter in response. It basically said that the district had already received drawings from the engineers for JM Robinson and Ryan Bunch and that permission slips for Eddie Moose and Almond Farm were needed for the Army Corps of Engineers to go on those properties. The district nor the county have received the documents mentioned in the letter, nor were they told previously about the permission slips. Daniel will follow up with Jeff Young. After discussion, it was decided that Vicky Porter would poll other districts to see how their projects are being handled.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Daniel McClellan told the Board that division funding expires in June. This will need to be discussed and approved at the May meeting.

4.3 Pond Clinic

Tammi Rensburg reported about the Pond Clinic held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Rob Wallace Park and neighboring farm. There were 36 attendees—most from Cabarrus County. Because we partnered with Stanly and Union counties, the cost was only \$45 per district. Attendees' response was positive.

4.4 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Rensburg gave an update on the conservation contests and Envirothon: we had 4 students place in Area 8 and 2 going on to state level. We had 7 Envirothon teams compete and 3 are going on to state level. The Proclamation for Soil and Water Conservation Week will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on April 16<sup>th</sup> by Kelly Sifford, due to Board of Directors not being available.

4.5 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan told the Board that the Suther Prairie is still in the hands of the Attorney General's office. Daniel and Kelly Sifford reported that they were told that the tax-deferred money can be used for voluntary conservation easements, so the Huston project can be started.

A 2.7 acre piece of land connected with the Amazon project was offered to the district as a conservation easement. In the discussion, it was reminded that the board made a resolution that future easements be at least 10 acres in size. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board declined the offer of the 2.7 acres as an easement.

(5) Unfinished Business

5.1 NC Foundation of Soil and Water Grant

Daniel McClellan reported that the Weed Wiper will be arriving this week.

5.2 Conservation Farm Family

Daniel McClellan reported that he and Tammi Remsburg went to Rowland Row Farm to interview and take photographs. The application has been turned in to the Area 8 competition. Tammi ordered the sign, which may take a few months to get in place.

(6) New Business

6.1 Spot Checks

It was discussed that previous dates set out were not working, so after discussion, it was decided that Jeff Goforth and Louis Suther will go out with Daniel or Clint on the 18<sup>th</sup> to do the spot checks. If additional days are needed, Vicky Porter can go on another day.

6.2 Approval of Contract 13-2018-003

This contract was canceled by the producer.

6.3 Approval of Contract 13-2018-004

Contract for Propst Farm: UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the application for contract 13-2018-004. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Louis Suther and carried unanimously, the Board approved the contract 13-2018-004 for Propst Farm.

6.4 Request for Payment(s)

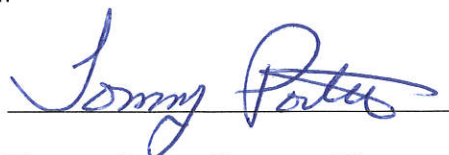
Daniel McClellan reported that the contract holder was not ready at this time.

(7) Adjourn

UPON MOTION OF Louis Suther, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairman

  
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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer