

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

**Tuesday January 28, 2020 5:30 p.m.**

**Cabarrus County Extension Building**

Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Ned Hudson, Zach Moffitt

Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (department head), Daniel McClellan (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff),  
Chuckie Bass (staff), Diane Hudson (visitor), Pat, Kitty and Hanna McIndoe (visitors)

### (1) Call to Order

Chair Vicky Porter opened the meeting at 5:30 by reading:

*"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."*

Vicky and Tommy Porter recused themselves from item #8. Zach Moffitt recused himself from item #5.4.

### (2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the agenda as written.

### (3) Election of Officers

Tammi Remsburg asked for nominations for Chair of the Board. Jeff Goforth nominated Vicky Porter as chair of the Board. No other nominations were brought forth. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Zach Moffitt and carried unanimously, the Board voted to accept Vicky Porter as the Chair of the Board. Tammi turned the meeting back over to Vicky for the rest of the nominations of officers. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Zach Moffitt and carried unanimously, the Board voted to elect Jeff Goforth as Vice-Chair of the Board. UPON MOTION of Zach Moffitt, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board voted to elect Tommy Porter as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

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

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting as written.

## (5) Informational Items

### 5.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reminded all present of the public speaking contest on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the auditorium. She would like board members to give out certificates if they can attend. Vicky is MC for the contest.

#### 5.1.a Resource Conservation Workshop applicant

Hanna McIndoe of Central Cabarrus High gave a short speech about the importance of conservation and why she would like to attend the Resource Conservation Workshop at NC State this summer. The Board agreed to sponsor Hanna to this event. She agreed to come to a future Board meeting and report what she learned.

### 5.2 NRCS Update

Grayson Sarif introduced himself and gave an update on NRCS staffing changes and current EQUIP contracts in the area.

### 5.3 Division Report

Ralston James was unable to attend. Daniel McClellan told the Board that he was in conversation with Ralston about a District Issues Meeting that would be sponsored by CSWCD. He told Jeff Goforth that Ralston would be contacting him to discuss the matter.

### 5.4 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass updated the Board on various projects still pending. Moose project is getting bids. Almond project is still awaiting engineer input. JM Robinson is cleared for payment. Daniel will meet with the native plant landscapers next week to discuss planting. Still not any response from M. Bost on his proposed project. Daniel asked for help from supervisors on this. Spot checks will take place in March or April—will need supervisors to help with this. Zach Moffitt recused himself from this item.

#### 13-2020-007 JLP Holdings LLC Prescribed grazing \$3,274 ACSP \$1,637 II Prescribed Grazing

4.4a Application- UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application 13-2020-007.

4.4b Contract-UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the contract 13-2020-007.

### 5.5 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan updated the Board on status of the Hill and Barrier Easements. No word on the Davidson Land Trust property. The NC Forest Service drafted a letter saying the Houston Property was not ready for harvesting and needed an additional 5 years. ADFP staff will monitor easements this year (happens about every 3 years).

## (6) Old Business

### 6.1 Houston Property-R. Koch report

Tammi Remsburg shared the email for the county lawyer, which still shows confusion on whether or not the access to that proposed easement legally exists. After much discussion on the matter, the Board directed the district staff to explore other access points to this property.

## (7) New Business

### 7.1 Farm Family of the Year

Daniel McClellan asked if there were any other nominations for farm family. He recommended Propst Farm. The Board agreed and Zach will ask the Propst Family if they would like to go through the process.

### 7.2 Teacher of the Year

Tammi Remsburg recommended Ashleigh Miller of Mt. Pleasant Middle School as the Conservation Teacher of the Year. She would like to present her award before the banquet due to a very busy schedule on Ashleigh's part. Vicky said that she would try to be available to present to her at her school. Tammi will work out possible dates.

## (8) Closed Session for Conservation Plans

Vicky Porter handed the meeting over to Jeff Goforth and she and Tommy Porter recused themselves from the Closed Session. UPON MOTION of Zach Moffitt, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously the Board moved to go into closed session at 6:59 p.m. due to "Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 with invitation to stay to Kelly Sifford, Daniel McClellan, Chuckie Bass, Tammi Remsburg and Grayson Sarif. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Zach Moffitt and carried unanimously, the Board moved to exit closed session at 7:04 p.m.

(9) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chair

  
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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer