

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday July 7, 2020 5:30 p.m.

On Conference Call Phone bridge due to Covid-19

In attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Zach Moffitt, Ned Hudson, Kelly Sifford, Daniel McClellan, Tammi Remsburg, Kevin May, Jr., Grayson Sarif

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:33 p.m. 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."* Hearing none, she asked Tommy Porter to give an invocation.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Zach Moffitt, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda with the addition of item # 5.2 Appointments of Supervisors.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for June 2, 2020 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the minutes for June 2 as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that she had 107 plan reviews in the 2020 PY-lots of building in the community. She has been working with the City of Concord Environmental Educator and the CabCo Parks Program Supervisor to work out ways we can continue to serve the schools in our county next school year. They are also working with the science coordinator for CCS and STEM coaches. Tammi is working with the CET committee to train educators virtually. She is doing her session next week.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Daniel McClellan reported on projects in the works: Almond is still awaiting state engineer input and thus needs to ask for an extension in the contract; Moose has still been too wet to continue-also needs extension; Bullock will need more than the designated repair budget to correct. We are awaiting bids on the work so that a request can go to the soil & water commission. Vicky Porter agreed to virtually go to the commission with Daniel to request extensions. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board approved sending the letter requesting the extensions to the state Soil & Water Commission.

Chuckie Bass gave updates on cost share projects partially completed: Porter stream exclusion, Cora Lee Cottage, Mitch Hagler. The Ellen Moore project needs to have the stream identified as a blue line stream by the engineering staff. The Cress project plans have been given to the owner for consideration.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that he received approval from NRCS on the Barrier Easement. Our lawyer is working with the other legal teams to schedule closing. Daniel asked the Board to let him know if they know of anyone who will want to do an easement in the future.

4.4 Update on Cox Mill Road Property

Kelly Sifford reported that the old Hefner property next to our Clarke Creek Rookery property was bought by the City of Concord and that CSWCD will be involved in the master planning for a nature park that will possibly connect with natural trails in our property. She also mentioned a plan to develop the property to the East of our property that is in preliminary stages of planning. Our staff has been involved in the reviews due to our ingress/egress easement through that planned development.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Shawn Barrier Update

Daniel McClellan reported that a teleconference took place with Shawn and Logan Barrier, representatives from ADFP and ACEP and the Porters concerning the Barrier easement and their desire to build a house on it.

The state and federal representatives told the Barriers that the easement did not allow for a house to be built at all on that land. The Barriers were disappointed, but understanding.

5.2 Appointment of Supervisors

Vicky Porter reported that she talked to two people who were interested in the appointed position of Cabarrus Soil & Water Board Supervisor. She felt either would do a fine job. The candidates are Jennifer Caligan, a STEM teacher and Eddie Moose, a farmer in the county. At the end of the meeting when Vicky was asking for public input, Zach Moffitt told the Board that due to personal reasons affecting his availability, he was asking to step off the Board as soon as a replacement was found. Vicky said that Jennifer Caligan told her that she could be available at any time when she talked to her. After discussion, the Board decided to have Tammi get the paperwork together for two appointments. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and passed unanimously, the Board moved to present to the Soil & Water Commission Jennifer Caligan to fill Zach Moffitt's unexpired term and Eddie Moose to fill Ned Hudson's term when it ends in December.

(6) New Business

6.1 Update on Area Meetings

(March 3, 2021 and October 13, 2021)

Tammi Remsburg brought this subject up in her education/communications report. She has gotten quotes on the meeting space and food and the Cabarrus Arena was the best price. None of the venues were within the budget of the Area 8. Cabarrus Arena additional costs would be covered by the county according to Kelly. Vicky Porter also offered the use of one of their venues. After much discussion, it was tabled until all the quotes are put together and the Board has a chance to look over them.

6.2 North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Shared Personnel Mutual Aid Agreement

Daniel McClellan explained about the Mutual Aid Agreement which will allow employees of different counties to share expertise and training. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Zach Moffitt, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept this document.

6.3 MOU between SWCD and NRCS

Grayson Sarif explained that a new version of the MOU had come out, but if we wanted to keep the one that was signed previously, it was possible. There was a misplacement of our original, but we have copies that were signed by CSWCD and the County in 2019 and could be sent back in along with a form saying that it is the version chosen. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to use the existing MOU that had been sent to NRCS. Daniel will send in the paperwork. Grayson also updated the Board on NRCS programs and said that he should have definite numbers within the next 2 months. The new person in their team will start in August.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

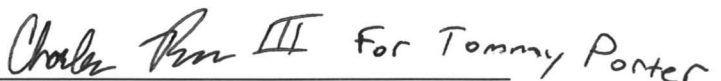
Vicky Porter asked for any comments from the public and hearing none and after hearing from Zach (recorded in item # 5.2), she asked for adjournment.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Zach Moffitt and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer