

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday August 4, 2020 5:30 p.m.

On Conference Call Phone bridge due to Covid-19

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

Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Ralston James (Division of Soil & Water Coordinator), Grayson Serif (NRCS), Tammi Remsburg (District Staff), Chuckie Bass (District Staff), Kevin May Jr. (Guest)

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter asked Tommy Porter to lead an invocation. Then she read the following:

“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 went on to the next item.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for July 7, 2020 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Zach Moffitt and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the minutes for July 7, 2020 as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that the CET online training went well. She is in an ambassador group for the program Wakelet and has given one training to CCS teachers and hopes to do more. She mentioned that she attended the Division’s online Envirothon School and continues to meet with the CabCo parks supervisor and Concord Environmental Educator to see how we can support each other and the schools during this time. Vicky asked how Tammi could still do programs and Tammi explained that her classes can be done via Microsoft Teams in a

synchronous way. The Cabarrus County Schools Science Coordinator sent out a document to all her teachers with community partners and what they offer.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that projects were continuing. 2021 money from the state has not been allocated yet.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Chuckie Bass reported that Oliver Hill Easement is getting closer to finishing. Michael Barrier Easement will close on the 13th. ACEP monitoring is completed.

4.4 Update on NRCS

Grayson Sarif reported that additional money has been allocated to CSP so more projects can be funded. EQUIP funding is rolling out. Their new employee is set to start the end of August and will be assigned to a Monroe office. Vicky asked Grayson if NRCS is still allowed to go on properties and/or meet with producers and the answer was yes--with safety protocols in place.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Area meeting venues March 3, 2021 and October 13, 2021

Tammi Remsburg had given the board her list of quotes to discuss. Ralston James updated saying that by the time we have our meeting in March, they hope all will be in person again. The general consensus was to have one meeting in one of the Porter's venues and the other in the arena. Jeff wanted to explore other options for food in the arena. Tammi will send out to the board the possible food choice.

(6) New Business

6.1 Annual Report

Tammi Remsburg presented the 2020 Annual Report for approval. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board approved the 2020 Annual Report.

6.2 Commission Meeting 8/5 9:00 a.m.

Ralston clarified that the meeting started at 8:30. Chuckie Bass will present the technical information about our requested extensions and Vicky Porter will be there for supervisor support. It will be a virtual meeting.

6.3 Wilson Property Easement (Davidson Hwy)

Kelly Sifford reported that we had been contacted by Davidson Land Trust that they had a buyer for the property and wanted to work out the easement. They also wanted to get the \$3000 stewardship fee back as well. After discussion, it was decided that the money had been used for legal fees and monitoring and would not be returned. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously the Board moved to allow staff to proceed to transfer the easement on this property without the stewardship money being returned. Kelly Sifford will proceed to get with the county attorney and have him draw up a document that states that as soon as the fee simple property transfer occurs to the new owners the easement will transfer to Davidson Land Trust from Cabarrus Soil & Water and 3 Rivers Land Trust.

6.4 RFP Cora Lee Cottage LLC #13-2020-003 \$5188

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the request for payment of Cora Lee Cottage #13-2020-003.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

No one had comments

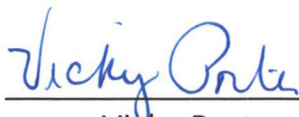
(8) Closed Session for Conservation Plans

At 6:30 p.m. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board entered a closed session due to Legally Confidential Information based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 with invitees Kelly Sifford, Tammi Remsburg, Chuckie Bass and Grayson Sarif.

At 6:36 p.m. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board returned to the meeting from closed session.

(9) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer