

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday November 3, 2020 5:30 p.m.**

**On Conference Call Phone bridge due to Covid-19**

**Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Jennifer Caligan, Ned Hudson**

**Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Kelly Sifford (department head), Kevin May (guest)**

**(1) Call to Order**

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**1.1 Invocation**

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

**1.2 Conflict of interest statement**

Vicky Porter read the following 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.”*

Vicky and Tommy Porter recused themselves from discussion of item 5.1.

**(2) Approval of Agenda**

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the agenda for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the duplicate item 5.2 removed.

**(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for October 6, 2020 Meeting**

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as written.

**(4) Informational Items**

**4.1 Education/Communications Report and Annual Meetings**

Tammi Remsburg reported that she has had success with virtual classes in different ways of connecting with the students/teachers. She will be doing additional professional developments for educators, including at Kannapolis City Schools where she will teach about her outdoor learning space lessons that she has put together for them. The Association annual meeting is virtual January 4-5.

Supervisors need to sign themselves up on the Division website before December 15<sup>th</sup> and will be reimbursed the \$35. The NACD Annual meeting has gone virtual February 1-10-more details to come.

#### 4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass gave detailed updates on all cost share projects. Most are going well.

#### 4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Oliver Hill Easement had closed on October 12. The County Commission has approved our next round of easements. Application is due in December. Sam Davis Jr. has expressed interest in applying for an easement on his property. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application of Sam Davis Jr. to apply for a conservation easement.

#### 4.4 Update on NRCS

No one from NRCS was in attendance. There was some discussion about requesting a report from them specific to the county.

### (5) Old Business

~~5.2 Update on Moose Contract~~ ~~Chuckie Bass~~

#### 5.1 Spot Checks approval

Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Jeff Goforth while recusing herself and Tommy from discussion of this item. Chuckie Bass reported on the findings from the spot checks conducted by staff. Pictures had been previously sent to the supervisors to review. UPON MOTION of Jennifer Caligan, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the spot check report from the district staff as conducted by the Covid-19 Division rules. Jeff turned the meeting control back to Vicky.

#### 5.2 Update on Moose Contract

Chuckie Bass explained that the cost share specialist told them that the previous contract for Eddie Moose was invalid due to some AGWRAP rules. Another contract was made that follows the rules correctly. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and passed unanimously, the Board moved to accept the revised contract 13-2021-004 for \$11,389.

#### 5.3 Reserved Rights on Clarke Creek Easement property

Daniel McClellan explained that after questions have come up about what could be done on the Clarke Creek district property, it was noted that our easement never had the reserved rights section put in it. After much discussion, it was

decided to ask to keep as many rights as allowed under the Clean Water Management Trust Fund rules. Daniel and Tammi will get back to the state coordinator and bring finalized version back to Board. Kelly Sifford also mentioned that the City of Concord is considering a bridge across the other property at Clarke Creek at the elementary school to link the park with Highland Creek neighborhood. This will need to be discussed with the Board when more details are available.

(6) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Vicky Porter asked for public comment. Kevin May said he hopes to continue to be part of the Board meetings no matter the outcome of the election.

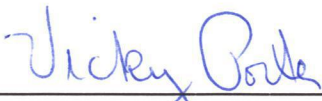
(7) Closed Session due to Conservation plans

At 6:39 p.m. Vicky Porter gave meeting control to Vice-Chair Jeff Goforth. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to go into "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 an invitation to Kelly Sifford. Kevin May left the meeting. The Board approved 3 conservation plans.

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to reopen the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

(8) Adjourn

Jeff Goforth gave the chairperson, Vicky Porter control of the meeting. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45.



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Vicky Porter, Chairperson



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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer