

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday August 3, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Offices Auditorium

Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Eddie Moose,  
Kevin May Jr., Jennifer Caligan (virtual)

Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (department head), Daniel McClellan (staff),  
Chuckie Bass (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff), Ralston James (Division of SWC),  
Shauntae Britt-virtual (NRCS)

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter 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 moved on to item #2.

(2) Approval of Agenda

Tammi Remsburg realized that the agenda given to the board was not the up-to-date version. She asked to correct the date and add items 6.3 and 6.4a and 6.4b to get the agenda correct. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda with the changes of date and items 6.3, 6.4a and 6.4b.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes

3.1 June 1, 2021 meeting UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the minutes of the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as written.

3.2 June 15, 2021 called meeting UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> called meeting as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg invited supervisors to attend a Back-to-School event in Mt Pleasant at the Community Church of Mt. Pleasant August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12. Tammi will have a display table up to talk about CSWCD and BMPs.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the extensions for Eddie Moose, Almond Farm and Porter Farms were approved by the commissioners. The state engineer is working on the Ellen Moore project.

#### 4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that we are still waiting on the results from the Davis application and will not hear until the state has a budget. Daniel presented a PowerPoint to give the Board a run down of the farm conservation easements that the district currently has.

#### 4.4 Update on NRCS

Shauntae Britt reported that the Soil Conservation Technician position in Cabarrus has been filled. Zach Russell started in that position yesterday and plans to attend our next Board meeting.

#### (5) Old Business

##### 5.1 Area VIII meeting-October 13

Tammi Remsburg and Ralston James reminded the Board of the Area VIII meeting that we are responsible for. Jeff Goforth will need to set a date for the executive meeting to finalize plans. Discussion of food included using boxed or pre-plated food. Tammi will get quotes on that for the Board to make decisions. Tommy and Vicky Porter will let us use their venue at 8063 Mauney Road-The Farmstead.

#### (6) New Business

##### 6.1 Potential easements

Daniel McClellan told the Board about a new state ranking sheet for ADFP conservation easements. Discussion ensued as how to deal with an application that doesn't get accepted. The verbal agreement was to put that ranking sheet with others that come after it and take the top ranked to apply for the next year. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, the Board moved to accept the use of the new ADFP ranking sheet to rank easements to determine who gets to apply for the program.

##### 6.2 Annual Report

Tammi Remsburg presented the Annual Report for PY 2021. It is ready to send to the BOC, except for the photos that we took at the beginning of the meeting. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, the Board moved to approve the Annual Report with the addition of the Board photographs.

##### 6.3 Potential cap on Ag Cost Share projects

The state has lifted caps and restrictions on cost share money. Daniel McClellan explained that this could cause less producers to be able to participate in incentive programs such as cover crop, residue and tillage management and sod-based rotation. After much discussion and review of previous policies, the Board decided to institute its own rules on cost share money. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adopt a policy to allow all previous state caps and rules to continue in allocating cost share money for the district. This includes all prior allotments which will count towards the life-time cap moving forward.

6.4 Well Project-Perry Troutman

Chuckie Bass presented to the Board the following:

6.4a Application #13-2022-801 \$7500 Perry Troutman

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application #13-2022-801.

6.4b Contract #13-2022-801 \$7500 Perry Troutman

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the contract #13-2022-801.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Vicky Porter asked for any additional comments. There were none.

(8) Closed Session for Conservation Plan

Vicky Porter asked Vice-Chair Jeff Goforth to run the closed session. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to enter closed session at 7:15 p.m. due to "Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008". Kelly Sifford and Ralston James were invited to the closed session.

One conservation plan was approved. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

(9) Adjourn

Having no additional business, UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Victoria Porter

Vicky Porter, Chair

Daniel McClellan for Tommy Porter Jr.

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer