

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday June 1, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

**Cabarrus County Extension Offices Auditorium**

**Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Eddie Moose, Jennifer Caligan (virtually)**

**Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (department head), Tammi Remsburg (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Grayson Sarif (virtually-NRCS), Kevin May Jr. (guest)**

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Supervisor Jennifer Caligan and NRCS representative Grayson Sarif were attending via MS Teams.

1.1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.1.2 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."*

Vicky and Tommy Porter recused themselves from item #6.1 contract #13-2019-005. Eddie Moose recused himself from item #6.1 contracts #13-2017-003 & #13-2018-002.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the meeting agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for May 4, 2021 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the minutes for May 4<sup>th</sup> as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that she was still able to have (virtual) impact on 2300 teachers and students this year despite the lockdown. She will be helping with camps this summer at Kannapolis City Schools, Cabarrus Parks, 4-H, and Charlotte Motor Speedway STEAM Day.

Some dates to remember: NACD Southeast Region Meeting for supervisors August 8-10 in Gulf Shores, Alabama and NACD Annual Meeting Feb 12-16 in Orlando. The county sponsors these events if supervisors want to participate. October 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Area VIII Meeting that our district will sponsor. The Porters said that their venue is still available for this.

Also, Tammi reported that the JM Robinson constructed wetlands was being used consistently by the environmental science classes and the plants are growing.

## 4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass gave an update on all cost share projects. Contracts 13-2020-008 and 13-2021-003 are complete.

### 4.2A Application Aaron Cook 13-2021-006 (Livestock Exclusion, Well, watering tanks)

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the application #13-2021-006.

### 4.2B Contract Aaron Cook 13-2021-006 (\$18,616.00)

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2021-006.

## 4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the deadline for easement monitoring has been moved up to July 16<sup>th</sup>. Staff will start this process next week. Still waiting to hear on Davis Easement application from the state.

## 4.4 Update on NRCS

Grayson Sarif reported that the Soil Conservation Technician (working out of Cabarrus County) position is still open. He gave updated numbers for the EQUP and CSP programs.

## (5) Old Business

### 5.1 Spot Check report

Chuckie Bass reported that he, Jeff Goforth and Tammi Remsburg performed the spot checks on May 5<sup>th</sup> on 6 projects picked randomly. There were not any issues with the spot checks. The Board informally reviewed and approved the spot checks.

## (6) New Business

### 6.1 Contract extensions

Chuckie Bass presented 3 contracts that need to be extended due to possibly not being completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Each one was discussed as to why it needed extension. Eddie Moose recused himself from the discussion of his contracts. The Porters recused themselves from discussion of their contract.

- Almond Farm #13-2017-007 & #13-2018-001 Streambank restoration  
UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to request a contract extension for contracts #13-2017-007 and #13-2018-001.
- Eddie Moose #13-2017-003 & #13-2018-002 Streambank restoration  
UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to request a contract extension for contracts #13-2017-003 and #13-2018-002.

- Porter Farm #13-2019-005 Livestock Exclusion, Well, watering tanks  
Vicky and Tommy Porter recused themselves from this vote, and thus there was not a quorum to vote on this. **This item will be postponed to a later date, possibly a called meeting.**

#### (6.2) Supervisor Hall of Fame

Tammi Remsburg mentioned that the Supervisor Hall of Fame was open for nominations. It was decided that Ned Hudson should be nominated for his 24+ years of service to CSWCD. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to have staff proceed with application for Ned Hudson to be included in the Soil and Water Association Supervisor Hall of Fame.

#### 6.3 Associate board membership for Kevin May Jr.

Vicky Porter told the Board that Kevin May Jr. had requested to be put on the Board as an associate member. She asked Kevin to leave the meeting while the Board discussed this request. After discussion, UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to appoint Kevin May Jr. as an Associate Member of the Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Kevin was brought back to the meeting and welcomed to the Board.

#### (7) Public comment

No comments from the public.


#### (8) Closed Session for Conservation Plan

At 6:10 p.m. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board went 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 invitation to Kevin May and Kelly Sifford. Chuckie Bass presented one conservation plan for the practice of livestock exclusion. The Board approved the conservation plan. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board returned to open meeting at 6:12 p.m.

#### (9) Adjourn

Vicky Porter asked for any other discussion and Eddie Moose asked if the cost share will be modified due to increasing costs of materials. After discussion, Chuckie Bass said that he would ask the division.

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer