CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday June 7th, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Auditorium Cabarrus County Extension Building

Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Kevin May Jr.

Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff),

Lynn Shue (BOC liaison), Ralston James (division staff), Mitch Haigler (guest)

(1) Call to Order

Chairperson Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:33 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."

Vicky and Tommy Porter recused themselves from the Request for Payment for Porter Farmsitem #7 on the agenda after corrections.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda with the following additions/changes: Under item 6.4 Contract Extensions-6.4a Gary and Ellen Moore; 6.4b Eddie Moose; 6.4c Lewis Cress; 6.4d Lost Acres Farm. Also adding Request for Payment for Porter Farms as item # 7 and renumbering the rest of the agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of May Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Kevin May Jr. and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the May 3rd minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

Chair Vicky Porter gave meeting control to Vice Chair Jeff Goforth due to a family emergency.

4.1 Education

Tammi Remsburg reported that she will be helping with some Cabarrus County camps this summer, as well as being on the planning committees for the CET (conservation employee training) and agriculture education days.

4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reminded the Board that the time for election registration is June 13-July 1. The appointed position that Kevin is in will be discussed in the September meeting. Tammi is going to a training about the appointment process in two weeks. Reminder that the next board meeting is July 26th. That will replace the normal July and August meetings.

4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that all but \$700 was spent for this year's allotment.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the funding from ALE for the Davis Easement is not looking promising. We should hear by August about the funding. Monitoring reports for the ADFP and ALE easements have been submitted.

Vice Chair Jeff Goforth returned meeting control to Chair Vicky Porter.

4.5 Partner Report

NRCS sent a report to the Board. The highlights were: 4 tracts in Cabarrus County will be reviewed for compliance with the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Compliance provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. They have received two applications from Cabarrus County for Seasonal High Tunnels. The yearly Local Work Group Meeting will be at the Brown Creek SWCD office 1758 Morven Road, Wadesboro, NC June 28th at 11-12:00. All supervisors are invited.

Ralston James reported that he has been given the education work that Sandra Weitzel had before retirement, and he apologized for not being at meetings recently. He is catching up and will be more available.

Lynn Shue reported that the position for easements is in the fiscal year 2023 budget to be voted on by the commissioners at their next meeting.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Mitch Haigler as associate member

After attending the Board Meeting last time, Mitch Haigler had asked to be considered for associate supervisor. UPON MOTION of Kevin May Jr., seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept Mitch Haigler as associate supervisor of the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

(6) New Business

6.1 Ellen Moore stream restoration

6.1a contract- 13-2020-502 \$19,000

Daniel McClellan explained that they were awaiting the engineering design but wanted to be ready to go when it arrives. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Kevin May Jr, the Board moved to accept the contract 13-2020-502 for Ellen Moore.

6.2 Michael Barrier critical area planting (erosion on easement property)

6.2a application- 13-2022-005

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Kevin May Jr., and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application #13-2022-005 for Michael Barrier.

6.2b contract- 13-2022-005 \$2618.00

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Kevin May Jr., and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2022-005 for Michael Barrier.

6.3 Big Oak Farm heavy use area and watering tanks

6.3.a application- 13-2022-006

UPON MOTION of Kevin May Jr., seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application #13-2022-006 for Big Oak Farm.

6.3b contract- 13-2022-006 \$5501.00

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2022-006 for Big Oak Farm.

6.4 Contract Extensions

Several contract will need to be requested to have extensions.

<u>6.4a Gary and Ellen Moore #13-2020-502 \$19,000-</u> Stream restoration and streambank stabilization. Have not received designs from Division Engineer. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to submit an extension request for contract #13-2020-502.

<u>6.4b Eddie Moose #13-2017-003 & #13-2018-001 \$24,866.00-</u> Stream restoration and streambank stabilization. Late design followed by contractor problems. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to submit extension requests for contracts #13-2017-003 & #13-2018-001.

<u>6.4c Lewis Cress #13-2020-010</u> \$4786- Stream crossing. Loss of land, and family member and weather conditions.

<u>6.4d Lost Acres Farm #13-2020-009</u> \$15,283- Livestock exclusion/well tank. Supply issues.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Kevin May Jr., and carried unanimously, the Board moved to submit extension requests for contracts #13-2020-010 Lewis Cress and # 13-2020-009 Lost Acres Farm.

(7) Request for Payment contract #13-2019-005 Porter Farms \$23,460

Vicky Porter and Tommy Porter recused from discussion. No vote needed. Vice Chair Jeff Goforth signed.

(8) Public comment (3 minutes each) no comments

(9) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Kevin May Jr., and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Vicky Porter, Chair

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer