

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday September 5, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**Auditorium Cabarrus County Extension Building**

**Supervisors in attendance: Eddie Moose, Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter**

**Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff),  
Zach Russell (NRCS), Rick McSwain (DSWC)**

**(1) Call to Order**

Chairperson Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**1.1 Invocation**

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

**1.2 Conflict of interest statement**

Chairperson 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."* No response.

**1.3 Statement of Professionalism**

*"Supervisors are reminded of their responsibility to uphold the laws of the United States and North Carolina and their constitutions.*

*Business is to be conducted in a professional manner, free of bias, of interactions that violate policies or individual liberties and that address business issues only. Interactions are to be held with integrity, courtesy, honesty and in compliance with the highest ethical standards."*

**(2) Approval of Agenda**

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda as written.

**(3) Approval or Correction of August 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes**

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

**(4) Informational Items**

**4.1 Education Report**

Tammi Remsburg reported that school program reservations are increasing quickly. Schools are participating in Big Sweep on their campuses. The Cabarrus County Fair and Environmental Educators of NC are next on the calendar.

#### 4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reminded the supervisors of the Area 8 Fall Meeting in Fallston on October 11. She also reported that the new easement specialist, Amy Cook, will start on Monday.

#### 4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass gave updates on the cost share projects. They all are making progress.

##### 4.3A Strap Update

The Division Engineer came out to Coddle Creek and Dutch Buffalo Creek August 10<sup>th</sup> to prepare for no-rise certification on these two streams. Once the no-rise is approved, the contractor will be contacted. The recent storm has washed the debris from the Coddle Creek site for now, but the sand bar will probably catch more.

#### 4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Wilburn Williams Farm tracts will be sent in to ADFP (state funding) for funding for a conservation easement. The Sam Davis Easement will be reapplied for to the ALE funding. An extension has been given by ADFP for their part of the funding.

#### 4.5 Partner Report

Zach Russell gave a report for NRCS stating that there is additional funding available for the EQIP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program. He encouraged producers to apply.

Rick McSwain mentioned the new Education Position which will be an employee of the NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation, with some connection to the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The Association is requesting that districts donate a minimum of \$500 for this position. There will be a presentation at the Area 8 Fall Meeting to explain further. Lots of questions still to be answered. Rick also said that he is currently covering 3 areas and may not be able to make every Board meeting. He also mentioned that the state budget is looking favorable at soil & water conservation.

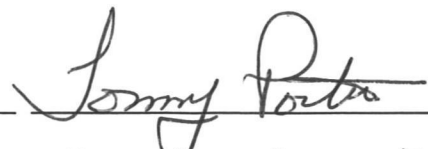
(5) Public comment (3 minutes each) No public comments.

#### (6) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer