

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday August 1, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**Auditorium Cabarrus County Extension Building**

**Supervisors in Attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth,**

**Eddie Moose, Kevin May Jr., Mitchell Haigler (associate)**

**Others in Attendance: Lynn Shue (BOC Liasson), Rick McSwain (Division**

**Of Soil & Water), Daniel McClellan (Staff), Chuckie Bass (Staff),**

**Tammi Remsburg (Staff)**

(1) Call to Order

Chair Vicky Porter opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the Invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Chair Vicky Porter read the following and heard no response.

*"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."*

1.3 Statement of Professionalism

Chair Vicky Porter read the following:

*"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 Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of June 6 Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Kevin May Jr., and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the June 6<sup>th</sup> minutes as written.

#### (4) Informational Items

##### 4.1 Education

Tammi Remsburg reported that her summer schedule has been busier than usual due to continuing preschool programs, helping with Parks camps and teacher professional development. She has several PDs on the schedule through the fall.

##### 4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan gave the supervisor's report that David Williams is the new Division of Soil & Water Director. He also introduced Rick McSwain as our new area coordinator. He also mentioned the Area Fall meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Fallston. Tammi will need a check for \$30 made out to the Area 8 SWCD from all who are attending at the next meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

##### 4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the Lost Acres projects were completed, and RFP turned in the Raleigh. Lorien Deaton is the new cost share person in the Division.

##### 4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that before Shelby left, they put together the ranking sheet to determine which easements to start for this year. Because there has still not been a final decision from the federal money on the Sam Davis easement, the new applications will be for the state money only. The Soil & Water Foundation has a new employee whose specialty is easements. This person might be a helpful resource. Vicky Porter asked the Board to consider having an advisory board or mentor group to talk to potential easement owners in addition to staff. The easement specialist job has been posted and we start interviews soon.

Daniel also reported that the STRAP money for stream cleanup has been allocated for 2 additional projects. The administration fee is planned to be used to obtain a drone for easement monitoring.

##### 4.5 Partner Report

Rick McSwain introduced himself as our new Area 8 coordinator with the Division of Soil & Water. He plans to attend at least half of our board meetings.

#### (5) New Business

##### 5.1 Ranking Sheet update

Chuckie Bass presented the updated cost share ranking sheet which includes the 3 streams that will be focused on for impaired and impacted money: Muddy Creek-Rocky

River, Upper Dutch Buffalo and Lower Dutch Buffalo. UPON MOTION by Kevin May, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the updated cost share ranking sheet.

#### 5.2 2024 Easement Ranking

Daniel McClellan shared the ranking sheet with the Board and showed that Wilburn Williams Family Farm is at the top of the list. He asked permission to go to the commissioner's meeting to ask for the funds to start this process. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to have Daniel go to the BOC meeting to pursue grants for easements based off the presented easement ranking sheet.

#### 5.3 Annual Report


Tammi Remsburg hit some highlights on the Annual Report and asked for questions. Lynn Shue suggested that it be presented at the BOC meeting in September. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the Annual Report to be shared with the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

(6) Public comment (3 minutes each) no visitors

(7) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairperson

  
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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer