

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday October 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Room 302 Cabarrus County Extension Building

Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Eddie Moose, Kevin May Jr.,  
Jeff Goforth, Mitch Haigler (associate)

Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff), Amy Cook  
(staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Kelly Sifford (assistant county manager)

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:31 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."*

Tommy and Vicky Porter will recuse themselves from item #7

1.3 Statement of Professionalism

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."*

New Employee, Amy Cook introduced. The new Resource Conservation Easement Specialist gave a brief introduction of herself.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Kevin May Jr., and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the meeting agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of September 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the September 5<sup>th</sup> minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that school programs are picking up nicely. She

taught sessions at the EENC (Environmental Educators of NC) and CET (Conservation Employees Training).

#### 4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reminded supervisors of Area 8 meeting October 11<sup>th</sup>. The NACD annual meeting will be in San Diego in February. Let Tammi know if interested in attending. She will resend information about NCASWCD annual meeting in Durham.

#### 4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the Michael Barrier critical area planting project is complete and a Request for Payment for \$2618 was signed and sent in. Both Allison and Thunderstruck projects have trenched in the waterline. There will be another cost share allocation coming. Please help advertise the program to producers.

#### 4.3A Strap Update

Daniel McClellan reported that the Dutch Buffalo Creek no-rise certification is almost complete. Due to the clearing of the Coddle Creek site during heavy rains, let Daniel or Chuckie know if you know of any other creek areas that need to be cleared.

#### 4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Amy Cook reported that the Wilburn Williams Farm LLC easement application is in process. The Sam Davis application can be sent to two funding sources-ALE and IRA by December. Daniel and Amy plan to work with the county for using back taxes for future easements.

#### 4.5 Partner Report

Zach sent a message that November 3<sup>rd</sup> was the deadline for EQIP and CSP applications are due in December. Pass the word.

### (5) AgWRAP contract

#### 5.1a Application 13-2024-801 for well- Paul Brewington

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Kevin May, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application #13-2024-801 for a well.

#### 5.1b Contract 13-2024-801 for AgWRAP well \$10,000

UPON MOTION of Kevin May, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board voted to approve contract #13-2024-801 for \$10,000 AgWRAP well.

### (6) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Eddie Moose led discussion about a wildlife habitat program for PUV credit.

(7) Closed Session for Conservation Plan

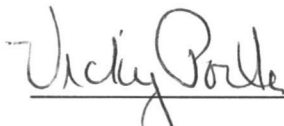
At 6:00 p.m. Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Jeff Goforth. Vicky and Tommy Porter were recused from the discussion due to conflict of interest. UPON MOTION of Kevin May, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to enter closed session "due to Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008" with an invitation to Kelly Sifford.

A Conservation Plan was discussed and approved.


UPON MOTION of Kevin May, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to exit closed session and return to open meeting.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Kevin May, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer