

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday December 5, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium

Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Mitchell Haigler (associate)

Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Daniel McClellan(staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Amy Cook (staff), Lynn Shue (Board of Commissioners liaison) , Rick McSwain (Division of Soil and Water Coordinator)

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter read the following two statements:

"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

"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 Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 4.5 Partner Report and 6.2a & b AgWrap contract #13-2024-802.

(3) Approval of November 7th Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the November 7 minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that schedules are busy this month, including a teacher in-service training for Project WILD this Saturday.

4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan reminded supervisors of NACD and NCASWCD Annual Meetings.

4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that Paul Brewington cancelled his contract #13-2024-801. The District has an additional \$80,000 to spend on cost share until June. Send people to Chuckie that want to participate in cost share.

4.3A Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) Update

Daniel McClellan reported that the Dutch Buffalo Creek project is close to starting. The Division on Soil and Water Conservation has received additional money for the stream cleanup program. If you know of any areas that the county can do, let staff know.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Amy Cook reported that all applications for Wilburn Williams Farm LLC and Sam Davis have been submitted.

4.5 Partner Report

Rick McSwain reported that Julie Henshaw will become Deputy Director of the Division of Soil & Water and that there are some changes in the structure of the department in the works. There is additional funding for cost share and StRAP.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Bowman Easement

Daniel McClellan said that Mr. Bowman had called asking if the easement had been modified when the City of Kannapolis had run the greenway through the easement

property. Daniel turned it over to the county attorney who said that the original easement was written with trails acceptable on the property. The legal staff will send a letter to Mr. Bowman with this information.

(6) New Business

6.1 Kevin May, Jr. Resignation, and replacement

Tammi Remsburg reminded the Board of the letter of resignation sent by Kevin May Jr. since the last meeting, due to moving out of county. Discussion of moving associate supervisor Mitchell Haigler into the appointed position which expires in 2026. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to send Mitchell Haigler's name to the Soil & Water Commission for possible appointment.

6.2 #13-2024-802 Scott Helms Agwrap well

6.2a application #13-2024-802

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application for contract #13-2024-802.

6.3b contract #13-2024-802 \$10,000

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2024-802.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)-None.

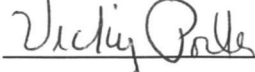
(8) Closed Session for Conservation Plans

Chair Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Vice-chair Jeff Goforth. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Vicky Porter, the Board moved to enter closed session at 6:23 p.m. "due to Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008" with the invitation to Rick McSwain to attend. Rick questioned whether the Board can take action on approving the conservation plan in the closed session. Tammi will follow up on this. There was also a question about whether the conservation plans could be put together for the same producer. Chuckie will

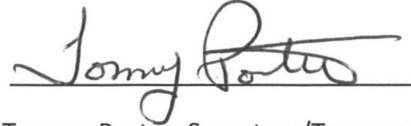
follow up. The Board approved 3 conservation plans in closed session.

(9) Adjourn

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:36 p.m. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer