

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday April 2, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium

**Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth,
Eddie Moose, Mitchell Haigler**

**Others in attendance: Rick McSwain (Division), Daniel McClellan (staff),
Amy Cook (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff)**

(1) Call to Order

Chairperson Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter read the following with 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

"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 elimination of item 5.2 and renumbering.

(3) Approval or Correction of February 6th Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the February 6th Minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Partner Report

Zach Russell from NRCS gave an update on Equip allocations. He said that Mecklenburg county will host the next Local Work Group meeting. He also

Reported the deadline for CSP is May 25th but emphasized that if someone comes asking that they will accept applications for all programs at any time. Rick McSwain from NCDSWC gave an update on the Division. He said that the head of the Division's engineering department is leaving. Brandy Myers has accepted the position of training coordinator. The position of Education Coordinator may be closer to being a reality for the Association due to a district sharing the position. More to come on that. There is also soon to be more funding for StRAP.

4.2 Education Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that the Area 8 public speaking contest will be done at our building next Wednesday the 10th. Rowan county and Cabarrus were the only counties who participated. Also, a reminder for the awards ceremony April 30th. Tammi reported that one team from Cannon School will be going on to the state Envirothon competition. Tammi's retirement date will be August 1st. She hopes to train the new person in July and is getting Amy ready to step in on a few things if needed.

4.3 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the budget conference went well. Eddie Moose had attended the Area 8 spring meeting. Jeff Goforth had attended the NACD national convention. Both Eddie and Jeff gave a short report on those meetings. Daniel said that the City of Concord still has not given a date when they can come to talk to the supervisors about the Clarke Creek park.

4.4 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that there are 3 contracts expiring June 30th. Jonathan Lane project 13-2022-003 is complete with a Request for Payment of \$10,747. Alan Allison is almost complete. Big Oak may need an extension. Chuckie will send out possible dates for spot checks.

4.4 A Strap Update

Daniel McClellan reported that there is a stream area on Little Cold-Water Creek that will require a no rise permit. Staff will need to go mark trees for the contractor. No more money has been asked for in this program.

4.5 Conservation Easement Report

Amy Cook reported that the easement applicants have had their site visits and they went well. She and Daniel will be ranking the applicants for the next round of grants. The easement monitoring will take place in April/May. They would like a supervisor or two to be involved in this process.

(5) New Business

5.1 (Agwrap) Street Fare Farm #13-2024-803 well, \$10,000

5.1a Application Street Fare Farm #13-2024-803

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter,

and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application #13-2024-803 for Street Fare Farm.

5.1b Contract #13-2024-803 Street Fare Farm

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2024-803 for Street Fare Farm.

(6) Public comment (3 minutes each)-no comments

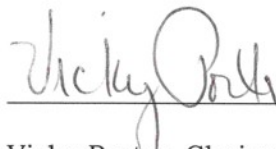
(7) Closed Session for one Conservation Plan

At 6:06, Chairperson Vicky Porter turned over the meeting to Vice-chair Jeff Goforth. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved "to enter a closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential. The information to be reviewed is protected by NC General Statute 139-8.2 and Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill". Discussion of a Conservation Plan ensued.

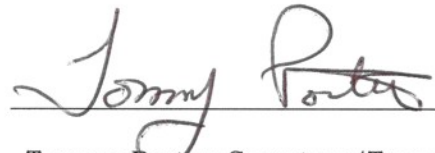
At 6:08, UPON MOTION Of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to go back to Open Meeting. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the conservation plan that was discussed in the closed session.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer