

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday February 6, 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: Kelly Sifford (Asst. County Manager),

Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass, Tammi Remsburg

Mitchell Haigler was sworn via oath onto the Board by

Tammi Remsburg, Board Clerk and Notary Public.

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:36 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."

VICKY AND TOMMY PORTER RECUSED THEMSELVES from item 6.2, 6.2a and 6.2b and the closed session.

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 Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda with the additions of New Business 6.1, 6.1a, 6.1b and 6.2, 6.2a and 6.2b, Closed Session and appropriate renumbering.

(3) Approval or Correction of January 2nd Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024 as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education Report

Tammi Remsburg reminded the supervisors of the Public Speaking Contest next Tuesday at 6 pm at the auditorium and the Awards Ceremony on April 30th at Frank Liske Park's barn.

4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan reminded the Board of the Area 8 meeting on March 6th. Jeff will be attending the NACD conference next week. Three of the Board Supervisors are unable to attend the March 5th meeting. The dates of the 19th and 26th are possibilities instead. Staff will check on the logistics of those dates to help decide.

4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass gave project updates.

4.3A Strap Update

Daniel McClellan reported that the Dutch Buffalo Creek project will be cancelled. Another stream section has been identified and will require no-rise permit. The question was asked about what districts are having success with this program. The answer was mainly the Eastern Counties are being successful with it.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that easement application sites are being visited on February 7th and March 13th. Agricultural Easements will be monitored later this spring.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Clarke Creek Easement and Park

Daniel McClellan told the Board that we had received some preliminary plans for the requested sewer line greenway. There was some discussion about possibly giving control of the property over to the city. City staff want to come to a Board meeting to present the ideas and answer many questions that were raised in the Board discussion in this meeting. Daniel will follow up on this.

(6) New Business- Contracts

6.1 #13-2024-002 Cletus Hill

6.1a. Application- UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application #13-2024-0002 of Cletus Hill.

6.1b. Contract \$7,486- UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract for pastureland heavy use area for \$7,486 for Cletus Hill.

6.2. #13-2024-003 Porter Farms- Vicky and Tommy Porter recused themselves from discussion. Vice chair Jeff Goforth ran the discussion.

6.2a. Application- UPON MOTION by Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitchell Haigler, and carried unanimously, the quorum of the Board moved to accept the application #13-2024-003 from Porter Farms.

6.2b. Contract \$ 52,113- UPON MOTION by Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitchell Haigler, and carried unanimously, the quorum of the Board moved to approve the contract for pastureland #13-2024-003 for Porter Farms.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)- no public comments

(8) Closed Session for conservation plans

At 6:22 p.m., UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to go into 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. Tommy and Vicky Porter recused themselves from the discussion that was led by Jeff Goforth. At 6:25, UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitchell Haigler, and carried unanimously, the Board returned to open meeting. Upon return to open meeting, a vote was made on the conservation plans among the 3 quorum members.

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitchell Haigler, and carried unanimously by the quorum, the Board approved the first conservation plan that was discussed in closed session.

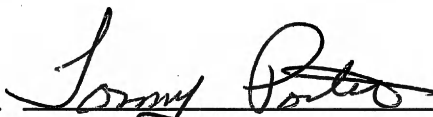
UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitchell Haigler, and carried unanimously by the quorum, the Board approved the second conservation plan that was discussed in closed session.

(9) Adjourn

Chair Vickie Porter was given control of the meeting. At 6:29 pm, UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer