# CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Tuesday June 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium
Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff
Goforth, Eddie Moose, Mitchell Haigler
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## (1) Call to Order

Chair Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### 1.1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

#### 1.1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter read the following with no response from the Board:
"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 Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitchell Haigler, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the meeting agenda.
- (3) Approval of May 7 Minutes- UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the May 7, 2024, minutes as written.

#### (4) Informational Items

<u>4.1 Partner Report</u>-No partners attended.

## 4.2 Education Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that the Resource Education Coordinator position has been offered and accepted. The hope is to get her started July 1<sup>st</sup> for training before Tammi retires. Tammi reported that this was a very great education year as far as number of schools reached.

## 4.3 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan reminded the Board of upcoming deadlines to file for the election June 10-July 5 and for appointment by the September meeting.

## 4.4 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the fence and gates were installed on Alan Allison project. A request for payment will be coming soon.

## 4.3A Strap Update

Daniel McClellan reported that the no-rise permit has just arrived. Chuckie is working on getting all papers signed so bids can come in for the work. Daniel also mentioned that he was looking into getting a drone with the administration money and may have an extension on that beyond December.

## 4.5 Conservation Easement Report

Amy Cook reported that there was a tentative acceptance from the NRCS for the Sam Davis easement request. Also, the 2 applications to ADFP for this year's funding were turned down. They received way too many applications for the money available.

#### (5) New Business

#### 5.1(Heavy Use Area) Cook Cattle Co 13-2024-005

- 5.1a Application 13-2024-005 Cook Cattle Co- UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application #13-2024-005 for Cook Cattle Co.
- 5.2 Contract 13-2024-005 Cook Cattle Co \$17,486-UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the contract #13-2024-005 for \$17,486.

#### 5.2 July Meeting date

Tammi Remsburg asked the Board if they wanted to change the July meeting to allow the new clerk to be able to prep the meeting. After discussion, the Board agreed via proclamation to move the July meeting to July 9<sup>th.</sup>

(6) Closed session for conservation plan-at 5:50, Chair Vicky Porter turned the meeting over 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 Statue 139-8.2 and Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill. Kelly Sifford was invited to attend. The Board discussed a conservation plan. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to return to open session at 5:52 p.m. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the conservation plan that was discussed in the closed session.

(7) Adjourn-UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 5:59 p.m.

Vicky Porter, Chairperson

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer