# CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Tuesday July 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium** 

Supervisors in attendance: Eddie Moose, Jeff Goforth, Vicky Porter,

**Tommy Porter, Mitchell Haigler** 

Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan, Tammi Remsburg, Chuckie Bass, Abby Weinshenker

#### 1. Call to Order

a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:36

#### 2. Invocation

a. Tommy Porter gave invocation.

# 3. Conflict of Interest Statement.

- a. "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."
- b. Vicky Porter read the statement. There was no response.

# 4. Statement of Professionalism

- a. "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."
- b. Vicky Porter read the statement.

#### 5. Approval of Agenda

 UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.

## 6. Approval or Correction of June 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes

 UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as written.

#### 7. Informational Items

- a. Partner report.
  - i. No report given.

## b. Education Report.

i. Introduction of Abby Weinshenker. Abby Weinshenker will be the new Resource Education Coordinator.

ii. Tammi showed the video from Molly Reiss, who thanked the board for the funding to go to Resource Conservation Workshop.

#### c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the supervisors some dates to put on their calendars.
- ii. Daniel McClellan discussed looking for associates for the board.
  - 1. Tommy Porter is going to reach out to a potential associate.

# d. <u>Division Funds Report</u>

- i. Chuckie Bass said that the 2022 contracts are complete and are awaiting payment.
- ii. One of the Porter farm projects was complete.
- iii. Kurt Davis nursery is still waiting on electrical.
- iv. All money spent for 2024.

#### e. Strap

 No rise permit has been obtained for the Cline/Coble farm.

# f. Conservation Easement Report

- i. Sam Davis application has been selected to be funded.
- ii. After talking to ADFP Program people, the staff may use the local Ag District funding as an alternate way to fund easements.

#### 8. Public Comments

a. No public comments.

#### 9. Closed Session

- a. At 6:25 p.m., Vicky Porter, Chair, turned the meeting over to Jeff Goforth, Vice Chair.
- b. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved to go to closed in session in 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.
- c. After discussion of conservation plans, UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, and seconded by Mitchell Haigler, the session moved to return to open meeting at 6:26 p.m.
- d. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the first conservation plan that was discussed in closed session was approved.

e. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the second conservation plan that was discussed in closed session was approved.

# 10. Adjourn

 a. Mitchell Haigler, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Vicky Porter, Chairperson

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer