

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday November 5, 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, Chuckie Bass, Abby Weinshenker,**

- (1) Call to Order
  - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:37 p.m.
- (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
  - a. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
- (6) Approval or Correction of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Minutes
  - a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as written.
- (7) Informational Items
  - a. Partner Report
    - i. No partner report at the time.
    - ii. Daniel McClellan discussed Hurricane Helene relief funding and asked if Cabarrus had residents in need of assistance.
  - b. Education Report
    - i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report, announcing that Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District officially has a Facebook account.
    - ii. Abby Weinshenker announced that Cabarrus's nomination of Kenan Mattsson for Secondary Teacher of the Year won the

award. Kenan will be given the award at the NCASWD Annual Meeting in January 2025.

- c. Supervisor's Communications Report
  - i. Daniel McClellan gave the Supervisor's report, announcing that staff is working on the strategic plan for the county. Cabarrus Soil and Water was assigned to the Stewardship Task force.
  - ii. Daniel announced that Cabarrus Soil and Water would like to plan a Save the Farm Workshop. Vicky Porter provided full support, with the requirement that Voluntary Agricultural Districts and Conservation Easements are clarified in the workshop.
  - iii. Daniel reminded the board about the annual meeting in January 2025 for NCASWD.
- d. Division Funds Report
  - i. Chuckie Bass had a general discussion about cost-share program. Chuckie announced that it has become increasingly difficult to find power service for wells.
  - ii. Chuckie discussed a program review occurring on December 4, 2024, with Lorien Deaton with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.
- e. StRap Update
  - i. Daniel McClellan provided an update for the StRap Program, noting that the permit fees and drone have been reimbursed. Stream debris removal has begun, and the funding has been extended to December 2025.
- f. Conservation Easements Report
  - i. Amy Cook provided an update on conservation easements, stating that the state opened the Agricultural Growth Zones and conservation easement applications.
  - ii. Amy stated that the Sam Davis conservation easement is underway and in the preliminary stages of surveying and appraisal.
  - iii. Amy asked the board about when a conservation easement is donated to the district. The board discussed donated easements and decided to defer to the staff on determination. The staff agreed to continue using the ranking sheet and apply it to donated easements.

(8) New Business

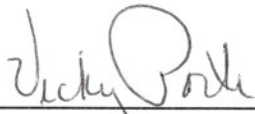
- a. Abby Weinschenker discussed the 2025 set meeting dates. The 2025 meeting dates will be January 21, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.
- b. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the meeting dates for 2025.

(9) Public comment (3 minutes each)

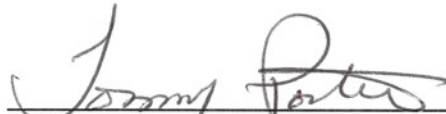
- a. None

(10) Adjourn

- a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer