

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Tuesday January 21, 2025, 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 Weinschenker

1. Call to Order
 - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:32.
 - b. Jeff Goforth amended the agenda with the addition of 4.6 Request for Payment. UPON MOTION of Mitch Haigler, seconded by Jeff Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
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.
 - c. Vicky and Tommy Porter stated they will recuse themselves when Requests for Payment will be discussed during the meeting.
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. Jeff Goforth amended the agenda with the addition of 4.6 Request for Payment. UPON MOTION of Mitch Haigler, seconded by Jeff Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
 - b. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
6. Approval or Correction of December 3, 2024, Minutes

- a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the minutes of the December 3rd meeting as written.

7. Informational Items

a. Partner Report

- i. NRCS emailed a report. Vicky Porter told the board to read the copies printed due to inclement weather.
- ii. The report states that the District has EQIP applications that are under review. The report also states there are 5 CSP applications under review.
- iii. The vacant NRCS position for Cabarrus County is still open and will be filled at a later date.

b. Education Report

- i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report. She stated that Quarter 2 had reached 3,318 people. Abby also stated that the District's conservation contest is due January 24 and entries have started to come in.
- ii. Abby Weinshenker discussed The Association's Education Baquet where Kenan Mattsson received the Secondary Teacher of the Year award.
- iii. Abby Weinshenker told the board about the Spring Area VIII meeting that will take place on March 5 at Rural Hill in Huntersville. She told the board that the deadline to sign up is February 24.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan stated that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioner's assigned a new liaison – Commissioner Laura Lindsey.
- ii. Daniel discussed the Association's Annual meeting that occurred January 5-7. Vicky Porter stated that seeing a presentation about StRAP at the meeting changed her mind about the program and how useful it is for flood mitigation.
- iii. Daniel said that the Great Plains no-till drill has been ordered from Brooks Sales. The Foundation provided a grant of 70% of the drill.
- iv. Daniel informed the board that the Supervisor School of Government will take place February 26 in Burlington and registration is now open. Abby Weinshenker is to attend as a new staff member.
- v. Daniel discussed the Cox Mill conservation easement with the City of Concord building an adjacent park. The City of Concord sent plans to the District, which has been passed along to The Land and Water Fund. The Land and Water Fund required clarifications from Concord. Once the plan is approved, the City of Concord will present it to the District Board.

d. StRap Update

- i. Daniel McClellan stated that the Little Coldwater Creek project is underway and nearing completion. The District received a 1-yea extension on the project. Once completed, Daniel stated we will request an inspection from the Division and a Request for Payment will be made once the inspection passes. Daniel also said that the crew is almost complete with tree debris removal.
- e. Division Funds Report
 - i. Chuckie Bass informed the board that the District underwent a program review, and Lorien Deaton is planning to present findings to the board at a later meeting.
 - ii. Chuckie stated that both Porter Farms Inc contracts are complete. He also stated that he is waiting to hear back from Cultural Resources for contract 13-2025-001.
 - iii. Chuckie stated that there are leftover funds from contract 13-2025-801 and the remaining funds are available for another project.
- f. Conservation Easements
 - i. Daniel McClellan told the board that the state and federal applications for conservation easements are complete and the District should hear back by the summer or fall.
 - ii. Daniel told the board that the NRCS did a site visit for the Wilburn Williams Family Farms and told the District that the tracts were highly competitive.
 - iii. Daniel told the Sam Davis Easement is still underway and in the final phases of surveying and appraisal.
 - iv. Daniel told the board that the non-agricultural conservation easements were monitored in December 2024, with no issues noted.
- g. Requests for Payment
 - i. At this time, both Tommy and Vicky Porter recuse themselves for this portion of the meeting.
 - ii. Request for payments submitted since December meeting: Signature authority has previously been delegated to Vice Chair Jeff Goforth. Two RFPs have been signed since the December meeting:
 - 1. 13-2023-0001 - \$6,242; signed by Vice Chair Jeff Goforth on January 21
 - 2. 13-2025-801 - \$10,499; signed by Vice Chair Jeff Goforth on January 21

8. New Business

- a. No new business.

9. Public Comment

a. No public comments.

10. Adjourn

a. UPON MOTION of Mitch Haigler, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer