

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday August 5, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**

**Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium**

**Supervisors in attendance: Jeff Goforth, Vicky Porter,**

**Tommy Porter, Mitch Haigler, Eddie Moose**

**Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan, Chuckie Bass, Abby Weinshenker,**

**Amy Cook, Laura Lindsey**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:33 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.
  - c. Mitchell Haigler stated he will need to recuse himself from line 5.4.
5. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Vicky Porter made a motion to amend the agenda to add line 5.4 under New Business to add an application and contract for 13-2026-001.
  - b. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
6. Approval or Correction of June 3, 2025, Minutes
  - a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the minutes of the May 6 meeting as written.
7. Informational Items
  - a. Partner Report
    - i. None.
    - ii. Tommy Porter discussed how he has reached out to NRCS multiple times regarding a cost-share program and had not heard back from them.

b. Education Report

- i. Vicky Porter read a handwritten letter sent by a conservation contest winner. The student won second place in the sixth-grade slideshow contest.
- ii. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report. Abby informed the Board that she spent her summer helping the county parks with the summer camps when there were no programs she had.
- iii. Abby informed the Board that she hosted her first professional development for teachers, Project Wet, on July 18.
- iv. Abby discussed Cabarrus County Creek Week and the sponsorship it had received from Subaru Concord.
- v. Abby discussed the no-till drill demonstration. She told the Board that there were 17 in attendance, and that Ron from the Foundation said it was a high turn out for the event.
- vi. Abby informed the Board that she participated in the Vendor Spotlight Fair for new teacher orientation with Cabarrus County School District.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the report. Daniel discussed that the City of Concord is interested in the Clarke Creek Property for transfer and is in the process of surveying the land.
- ii. Daniel informed the Board that the Area VIII Fall meeting is on October 8. He asks that the Board decide if they will attend and to bring their checks for the meeting during the September Board meeting.
- iii. Daniel informed the Board the NCASWCD meeting will be in Cherokee this year and asked who will want to register.
- iv. Daniel informed the Board that the NACD meeting will be in San Antonio in February.

d. StRAP Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the report. Daniel reminded the Board that we have a list of landowners that asked about stream debris removal. He reminded the Board that the District has to present to the County Commissioners due to StRAP being a reimbursement program.
- ii. Daniel informed the Board that the District intends to apply for a cost-of-service grant through the ADFP. Vicky Porter approved and said that it is a great time to apply. Amy will have to present the County Commissioner's for the intent to apply, and then the Board will vote on the grant at a later meeting. Vicky Porter gives her blessing.

e. CCAP Report

- i. Amy Cook gave the report. Amy informed the Board that the District has been working with a landowner that has 11 acres draining into their backyard. The Division engineers offered two options: structural stormwater conveyance or backyard wetland. Once the landowner chose structural stormwater conveyance, the engineers informed the District that it was no longer an option.

f. Division Funds Report

- i. Chuckie Bass gave the report. Chuckie informed the Board that the Fiscal Year 2026 funds have been appropriated.
- ii. Chuckie informed the Board that he has heard back from cultural resources for Mitch Haigler's property, that Aaron Cook has poured two of three heavy use pads, and that Walker has begun working on its fence.

g. Conservation Easement Report

- i. Amy Cook gave the report. Amy informed the Board that the District's state easement applications ranked third and seventh and will hopefully be funded pending state budget. The District has not heard back about funding for the Agricultural Growth Zone application as well, which is also pending state budget.
- ii. Amy introduced the current ranking sheet for conservation easement applications, pending previous applications receive funding. The plan for the current fiscal year applications are for Rick Earnhardt and Steve Earnhardt for Agricultural Growth Zone applications, and Keith Helms to apply with Ale and ADFP.
- iii. Amy Cook reminded the Board that she will be presenting to the County Commissioners for approval to apply at the August work session.
- iv. Amy discussed that the Sam Davis easement is still in process with surveying. Amy requested a year extension to complete the survey to give Sam Davis more time.


8. New Business

- a. Daniel McClellan reminded the Board about the Clarke Creek Greenway.
- b. Abby Weinshenker presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report.
  - i. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the Annual Report.
- c. Amy Cook presented the ranking sheet for conservation easement rankings.
- d. Chuckie Bass informed the Board of his intent to apply for Job Authority Approval for Crop Conversion to Trees and Sod Based Rotation.



- i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve Chuckie Bass to apply for Job Approval Authority for the above.
  - e. Mitch Haigler recuses himself for the upcoming application and contract discussion.
  - f. Chuckie Bass discussed application 13-2026-001 for Heavy Use Area.
    - i. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve the application.
  - g. Chuckie Bass presented the contract 13-2026-001 to the Board.
    - i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract.
9. Public Comment
- a. No public comments.
10. Adjourn
- a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairperson

  
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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer