

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday September 2, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium

Supervisors in attendance: Jeff Goforth, Vicky Porter,

Tommy Porter, Eddie Moose

Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan, Chuckie Bass, Abby Weinshenker, Amy Cook, Rick McSwain

1. Call to Order
 - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:31 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 Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
6. Approval or Correction of August 5, 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. Rick McSwain gave the partner report. Rick informed the Board about the Conservation Employee Training, where over 200 Soil and Water employees across the state attended. The CET took place in Cherokee.
 - ii. Rick discussed Surge Week, which took place August 4 to 8 in Avery County. Surge Week is training for district employees to be better prepared for emergencies, such as when Hurricane Helene happened.
 - iii. Rick informed the Board about the upcoming District Issues meeting on September 24 in Rowan County from 10am to 12pm.

- iv. Rick reminded the Board of the Area VIII Fall meeting on October 8 at William R Davie Park in Mecklenburg County. Abby Weinshenker told the Board they have until September 10 to tell her if they plan to attend so there is time to get the paperwork together.
- v. Rick McSwain discussed nominating Vicky Porter as the Area Education Alternate at the fall meeting. Vicky has agreed.

b. Education Report

- i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report. Abby reminded the Board that Cabarrus County Creek Week takes place September 21 to 28 and strongly encouraged the Board to attend one of the events.
- ii. Abby discussed two successful soil presentations: one at the Kannapolis Library and the other one at SOAR at Rowan Cabarrus Community College, where the new rainfall simulator was used.
- iii. Abby discussed speaking with the Girl Scouts about a potential partnership.
- iv. Abby discussed working on a Government 101 presentation with Daniel and the county's communication department. The presentation is to inform landowners how to check for erosion.
- v. Anny informed the Board that school programs are increasing with the new school year underway.
- vi. Abby informed the Board about attending 2 upcoming facilitator trainings: Project Wet and Project Learning Tree.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the Supervisor's Communications Report. Daniel told the Board that the District will have a booth at the county fair.
- ii. Daniel discussed that the City of Concord is in process of surveying the Clarke Creek property for transfer to the City of Concord. Daniel spoke with the Land and Water Fund and the easement deed will need to be referenced in the new deed transferring for the property during the deed closing.
- iii. Daniel reminded the Board to let Abby know if they plan to attend the Area VIII Fall meeting by September 10.
- iv. Daniel informed the Board that the annual meeting for the NCASWCD takes place January 4 to 6 in Cherokee and that hotel reservations are open.
- v. Daniel informed the Board that the NACD meeting will be in San Antonio in February.
- vi. Daniel informed the Board that the County attorney, Doug Hall, will be at the October Board meeting to discuss the Glenn Peninger property. The Peninger heirs' attorney has been in contact with Mr. Hall. There is a conservation easement deed with rights and restrictions that have not

been signed by the family. It is only the deed restriction that is signed. When taken to court, a judge upheld it as an easement.

d. StRAP Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the StRAP report. Daniel informed the Board that there may not be an allocation of funds for StRAP this year.

e. CCAP Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the report. Daniel informed the Board that the landowners that had applied for CCAP this year have rescinded their application due to the size of the BMP required to address the stormwater runoff.

f. Division Funds Report

- i. Chuckie Bass gave the Division Funds Report. Chuckie informed the Board that all projects are in progress.
- ii. Chuckie informed the Board that the RFP for Jason Walker has been submitted. Chuckie also stated that the District is waiting to hear from the Commission about Mitch Haigler's approval. Chuckie also stated that Aaron Cook has two of three HUA pads poured.

g. Conservation Easement Report

- i. Amy Cook gave the Conservation Easement report. Amy informed the Board that the state budget has not been finalized at the moment, so the District is unsure if the state easement applications have been funded. The applications ranked third and seventh. Amy is resubmitting the applications due waiting on results. The District is hopeful that the Agricultural Growth Zone application is funded, but the District is waiting on state budget.
- ii. Amy informed the Board that the Sam Davis easement is still underway and in the process of survey and appraisal.
- iii. Amy informed the Board that the next few months will be spent working on applications for state and federal funding for easements.
- iv. Amy informed the Board that the District will be applying for a Cost-of-Services grant, pending Board of Commissioner approval.
- v. Amy informed the Board that she has signed up for a Farm Succession Coordinator certification class.

8. New Business

- a. Chuckie Bass discussed application 13-2026-002 for Heavy Use Area.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the application.
- b. Chuckie Bass presented the contract 13-2026-002 to the Board.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract.

9. Public Comment

- a. No public comments.

10. Closed Session

- a. At 6:19 p.m., Vicky Porter, Chair, handed the Board over to Jeff Goforth. Jeff Goforth made a motion to move into closed session.
- 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 the conservation plan, UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, and seconded by Eddie Moose, the session moved to return to open meeting at 6:21 p.m.
- d. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the conservation plan that was discussed in closed session was approved.

11. Adjourn

- a. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer