

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium

Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter,

Tommy Porter, Eddie Moose, Mitch Haigler

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

1. Call to Order
 - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:22 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 with the amendment.
6. Approval or Correction of November 4, 2025, Minutes
 - a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the minutes of the November 4 meeting as written.
7. Informational Items
 - a. Partner Report
 - i. Rick McSwain provided the report from the Division. Rick informed the Board that the Commission will only be hosting a work session at the Annual Meeting in January, and that the business session will be virtual.
 - ii. Rick informed the District that the Cropland Conversion class on December 3 was cancelled, but there will be other trainings in the future.
 - iii. Rick informed the District that there is an Area VIII executive meeting on December 18 to discuss the Area Spring Meeting on March 4, 2026.

b. Education Report

- i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report. Abby informed the Board the Supervisor Disclosure Forms are in their packets and need to be filled out for 2026.
- ii. Abby discussed the MOU in process with the City of Concord over easement access after Ramseur Park is built. Abby discussed that the City cut most of the provisions in the MOU. Daniel McClellan stated that the District worked hard on the greenway trail that will cut through the conservation easement and is disappointed by the outcome. The District is worried about the City filing for eminent domain for the trail. Vicky Porter stated that the District will not move forward with the MOU and wants to renegotiate in order to donate the conservation easement to the City and to know that the District will be able to use the facilities safely.
- iii. Abby informed the Board that she recently attended the NCSTA Science Teacher's conference in early November and learned new lesson plans she is excited to implement.
- iv. Abby informed the Board that education has been busy, with a program occurring nearly every day.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the supervisors report. Daniel informed the Board that the Penninger deed has been recorded, and the check has been received.
- ii. Daniel reminded the Board that the early registration for the NCASWCD Annual Meeting ends December 12th. The meeting will occur on January 4-6, 2026. Vicky stated that she spoke with Abby about assistance in registering.
- iii. Daniel informed the Board that the District is in the early stages of planning for a pond clinic in the Spring of 2026.

d. StRAP Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the StRAP report. Daniel informed the Board that the StRAP funding allocated from the state is being dedicated to Hurricane Helene victims in Western North Carolina. The District's final report has been completed.

e. Division Funds Report

- i. Chuckie Bass gave the division funds report. Chuckie informed the Board that Jason Walker's heavy use area has been completed and needs to drill a well.
- ii. Chuckie informed the Board that Mitch Haigler has been approved by the Commissioner and is able to start.
- iii. Chuckie informed the Board that Jennifer Aldridge has begun the fencing for the exclusion project and had a preconstruction meeting.

iv. Chuckie informed the Board that Scott Helps well has been drilled and that Richard Saggs has built his fence.

f. Conservation Easement Report

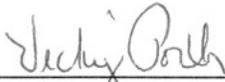
- i. Amy Cook gave the conservation easement report. Amy informed the Board that the two conservation easement applications for the Wilburn Family Farms were funded through both the State ADFP and Federal NRCS-ALE. The District has received the contracts and are waiting for approval from the County Commissioners to accept them on December 15th. The contracts were presented to the County Commission on December 1 during a work session.
- ii. Amy informed the Board that the Agricultural Growth Zone application has been partially funded and the District is still waiting on the contract.
- iii. Amy informed the Board that the Sam Davis conservation easement is underway. The survey is waiting for review for the State.

8. Public Comment

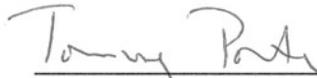
- a. No public comments.

9. Adjourn

- a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer

