

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday June 2, 2026, 5:30 p.m.**

**715 Cabarrus Ave W, Concord, NC 28027**

**Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter,**

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

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

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:30 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. Chuckie Bass informed the Board that the extension requests in New Business need to be removed.
- b. 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 May 5, 2026, Minutes**

- a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the minutes of the May 5 meeting as written.

**7. Information Items**

**a. Partner Report**

- i. No partner reports.

**b. Education Report**

- i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report. Abby informed the Board that she has completed her Environmental Educator certification. She

also informed the Board that the Conservation Awards Banquet went well.

- ii. Abby informed the Board that she is hosting several Professional Developments in the next year. She stated that she is hosting a Project Wet and Project Learning Tree in July, and that she is working with the STEM Coordinator from the Cabarrus County School District on workdays for teachers for professional developments.
- iii. Abby informed the Board that she will be assisting Shannon Unger from Cabarrus County Parks with several summer camp programs.
- iv. Abby informed the Board that the County Student TRACK Day is coming up in two weeks and that the District will have a table there to display what the department does.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the supervisor's communications report. Daniel informed the Board that the MOU has been signed with the City of Concord and the deed for the Clarke Creek Easement has been sent over.
- ii. Daniel reminded the Board that filing for Supervisor elections opens on June 8 and will close July 6. Vicky Porter and Jeff Goforth need to file and Mitch Haigler needs to be reappointed.
- iii. Daniel reminded the Board that the Southeastern NACD will take place in Cherokee August 9-12, and if anyone from the Board wishes to attend, they need to inform the District quickly. If no one attends the SENACD, the NACD will take place in Las Vegas on February 6-12, 2027.
- iv. Daniel asked the Board if anyone participated in Legislation Day, and Vicky Porter stated that she and Tommy did. She said that about 200 people participated but has not heard anything since.
- v. Daniel informed the Board that he spoke with Kelly Sifford, interim county manager, about NRCS and the MOU since there has not been one present for a while. The District wishes to set up a meeting with NRCS regarding partnership and the upcoming MOU since the District will occasionally receive calls about NRCS programs.

d. StRAP Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the StRAP report. He informed the Board there is currently no update about the nonprofit that applied for funding for Mallard Creek.

e. Division Funds Report

- i. Chuckie Bass gave the division funds report. Chuckie informed the Board that Fiscal Year 2024 will be expiring at the end of June, and that all projects said they will be complete by then and do not need an extension.
- ii. Chuckie informed the Board that he is working on the RFP for Scott Helms AGWRAP, Kirk Davis AGWRAP, and Richard Suggs.

- iii. Chuckie informed the Board that Sutter & Eudy are waiting to hear back about cultural resources.
  - iv. Chuckie informed the Board that Porter Farms INC has the well drilled, fence built, waterline in, concrete HUA poured, and power service complete. The drinkers need to be installed, and Chuckie stated he will follow up on that soon.
  - v. Chuckie informed the Board that Lost Acres has their fence built and waterline installed. The project has 2 of 5 HUA's poured and needs to be completed by the end of June. The District has a policy that a cost share recipient must speak with the Board to be granted an extension, and the contract expires at the end of June. The next Board meeting will take place in August.
- f. Conservation Easement Report
- i. Amy Cook gave the conservation easement report. Amy informed the Board that the Sam Davis easement has an updated survey and needs appraisal. The easement has a deadline of October 1, 2026.
  - ii. Amy informed the Board that the Wilburn Family Farms easement has had the field survey complete and preliminary legal work done for the conservation easement.
  - iii. Amy informed the Board that Rick and Steve Earnhardt are starting their projects with the Agricultural Growth Zone funds, and the applications have been submitted.
  - iv. Amy informed the Board that the District received federal funding for the Helms Easement application and will hear back from the state by the end of June if the District received funding from them.

8. New Business

- a. Abby informed the Board that officer elections need to occur and opened the floor for nominations. Jeff Goforth nominated Vicky Porter for Chair. With no further nominations, Vicky wins the Chair by acclamation.
  - i. Vicky Porter opens the floor for Vice Chair election. Tommy Porter nominates Jeff Goforth for Vice Chair. Hearing no additional nominations, Jeff wins by acclamation.
  - ii. Vicky opens the floor for the combined secretary and treasurer position. Eddie Moose nominates Tommy Porter. With no further nominations, Tommy wins by acclamation.
- b. Amy requested approval for signature authority on conservation easement related paperwork since Daniel is the only one in the office that has it. Amy presented a letter that would grant her that.
  - i. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve the letter granting Amy Cook signature authority.



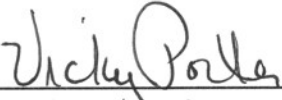
- c. Amy informed the Board that the District is able to apply for renewal of Agricultural Growth Zones one time, and she needs to present to Cabarrus County Commissioners for matching funds from the back tax fund.
  - i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve Amy applying for Agriculture Growth Zone renewal and present to the Cabarrus County Commissioners for matching funds.

9. Public Comment

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 6:10 p.m.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairperson

  
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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer