

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday May 2nd, 2017

Supervisors Present: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Louis Suther, Ned Hudson, and Jeff Goforth

Staff Present: Erin Lineberger, Daniel McClellan, and Clint Brooks

Others Present: Kelly Sifford, Department Head; Chris Childers, NRCS Partner; Ralston James, DSWC Partner; and Zach Moffitt, Associate Board Member

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vicky Porter at 5:26 P.M.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the agenda as written.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for March 7th Meeting

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the March 7th Meeting.

(4) Informational Items

(4-A) Board, Partner, and Staff Report

(4-a-i) New Staff

New staff member Clint Brooks officially introduced himself to the Board.

(4-a-ii) Division Funds Report

Daniel McClellan reported to the Board and partners on the status of current cost share projects and funds. A potential extension request from Aaron Cooke was discussed.

(4-a-iii) Education Report

Erin Lineberger reported on the status of CSWCD Educational programs to the Board, including Envirothon and Conservation Contest Events. Future proclamations of Stewardship Week at Cabarrus County municipalities were discussed.

(4-a-iv) Budget Report

Vicky Porter reported on the Budget Meeting attended by Cabarrus County management and finance staff, Daniel McClellan, Vicky Porter, and Kelly Sifford. Erin Lineberger presented the Quarterly Budget report.

(4-a-v) Legislative Week Report

Vicky and Tommy Porter reported on their attendance to Legislative Week in March. Ned Hudson and Louis Suther also attended.

(4-a-vi) Catawba Lands Conservancy Easement

Daniel McClellan presented a potential conservation easement located off Poplar Tent Road. The Catawba Lands Conservancy proposes to hold the easement while CSWCD would be the property owner. The Board requested an official proposal from the Catawba Lands Conservancy.

(4-a-vii) Silverman Group Conservation Easement/Property

Daniel McClellan presented a potential conservation easement located off Derita Road. The Board requested an official proposal from the Silverman Group.

(4-a-viii) Spot check NCACSP, AGWRAP, CCAP Date

2017 Spot Checks are set for May 17th or 18th. Ned Hudson and Louis Suther will accompany CSWCD staff.

(5) New Business

(5-A) PY 18 Strategy Plan

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board approved the PY 18 Strategy Plan.

(5-B) Fund Audit for Previous 3 years

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Fund Audit.

(5-C) Division Programs Ranking Forms

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Division Programs Ranking Forms.

(5-D) Agriculture Cost Share Program

(5-d-i) Contracts

**(5-d-i-a) Eddie Moose, 13-2017-003; \$11,866;
Streambank Stabilization & Stream Restoration**

This item was moved to next month's agenda.

(5-d-ii) Requests for Payment

(5-d-ii-a) JLP Holdings; \$3,978; Prescribed Grazing

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Request for Payment for JLP Holdings.

(5-E) Community Conservation Assistance Program

(5-e-i) Contracts

**(5-e-i-a) Ryan Bunch, 13-2017-501; \$5,199; Diversion
and Structural Stormwater Conveyance**

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Jeff Goforth and unanimously carried, the Board approved CCAP Contract #13-2017-501.


(6) Closed Session to Consider Approval of Conservation Plans

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to enter into Closed Session at 7:53 pm due to "Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008." Kelly Sifford and Zach Moffitt were invited into the session. One conservation plan was approved during the session.

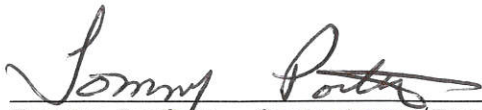
(7) Adjourn

Prior to adjourning, Vicky Porter opened the floor to partner comments. Ralston James shared information on the upcoming commission meeting to discuss changes to Cost Share rules.

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.



Vicky Porter, Chairman



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer