

**MINUTES**  
**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday September 5, 2017**

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

Staff Present: Clint Brooks, Tammi Remsburg and Daniel McClellan

Others Present: Kelly Sifford, Department Head

**(1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vicky Porter at 5:30 P.M.

**(2) Approval of Agenda**

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board moved to add two items- (7)Tax-deffered funds Advisory Board and (8)Closed Session to Consider Approval of Conservation Plan- and approve the agenda.

**(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for August 1st Meeting**

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the August 1st Meeting.

**(4) Informational Items**

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

**(4-a-i) Division Funds Report**

CSWCD partners were given an opportunity to share any pertinent information with the Board. No partners attending meeting.

**(4-a-ii) Conservation Easement Report**

Daniel McClellan reported that Mike Barrier project was funded by state. He now needs to go to County

Commisioners' Agenda Meeting to get permission for future conservation easement grants. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther, and unanimously carried, the board approved Daniel McClellan to attend the October 2<sup>nd</sup> County Commision Agenda meeting to get approval.

**(4-a-iii) Communication and Education Report**

Tammi Remsburg reported that Big Sweep Cabarrus will be a public event at Rob Wallace Park this year. In the future, other sites will be chosen based on need to clean up. Schools will also have their own clean ups. Tammi has been making contacts with the schools, teachers and Cabarrus Partnership for Children to encourage using Soil and Water Education resources. She is also working on increasing participation in citizen science. Two teacher trainings have been taught with the fair coming up next week.

**(4-a-iv) DEA Membership Dues**

Tammi Remsburg reported that dues were paid to renew the board's DEA memberships. She also asked them to consider who would go to the NACD Annual Meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> in Nasheville and District Area 8 fall meeting October 11th in Union County.

**(5) Unfinished Business**- No unfinished business to report at this time.

**(6) New Business**

**(6-A) NC Foundation Documents and Plan**

Clint Brooks reported that applications for funding were not chosen at this time.

**(6-B) NC Agriculture Cost Share Program**

**(6-b-i) Applications**

**(6-b-i-a)** Clint Brooks discussed the Almond Farms application that was not complete at this time.

(6-b-i-b) Eddie Moose application for streambank stabilization. UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to accept the application of Eddie Moose.

#### (6-b-ii) Contracts

A. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the contract for Eddie Moose#13-2018-002 Supplement for 13-2017-003 Stream Bank Stabilization \$13,000 ACSP .

#### (6-C)NC Water Resource Agriculture Program

(6-c-i) Applications It was discussed that both applications ranked at the same level on the district's AG WRAP ranking system, and thus the first person to apply for the funding is to be chosen.

(6-c-i-a) Maiko Yang application for well #13-2018-801. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to accept the application of Maiko Yang.

(6-c-i-b) Joe Rowland application for well not to be funded.

#### (7)Tax-deferred funds Advisory Board

Kelly Sifford told of a new advisory board that is being formed from 2 members of the Agricultural Advisory Board, 2 members of the members of the Active Living and Parks Board, and 2 members of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. They will provide recommendation to the County Commissioners on how to spend county tax-deferred funds.

#### (8) Closed Session to Consider Approval of Conservation Plan

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and unanimously carried, the Board moved into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. due to "Legally Confidential Information based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008." Tammi Rensburg, Daniel McClellan, Clint Brooks, Zach Moffit and Kelly Sifford were invited into the

session. One conservation plan name change was approved during the session.

**(9) Opening closed session**

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and unanimously carried, the Board exited Closed Session at 6:53.

**(10) Adjourn**

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth , seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairman

  
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Tommy Porter Secretary/Treasurer