

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday October 3, 2017

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

Staff Present: Clint Brooks, Tammi Rensburg and Daniel McClellan

Others Present: Kelly Sifford, Department Head; Lynn Shue, BOC Liasson; Ralston James, NCDA&CS Regional Coordinator

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vicky Porter at 5:36 P.M.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for September 5th Meeting

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the September 5th Meeting.

(4) Informational Items

(4.1) Board, Partner, and Staff Report

Ralston James was not present at this time. His report was moved to #7 on agenda.

(4.2) Division Funds Report

Clint Brooks led discussion of waiting on engineers from the state to provide needed plans to get projects moving. The head of the state engineers, Jeff Young, will be meeting with the district staff on October 18th to make a timeline of work needed to complete.

(4.3) Communication and Education Report

Tammi Remsburg gave a report on trainings completed and branching out into the community with classes at the Cabarrus County fair, preschools, educator curriculum training and educator conferences.

Big Sweep is this Saturday, October 7th at Rob Wallace Park from 9-12. Any help that can be provided is appreciated. Ralston James added that it is Food, Land and People month and that districts are asked to donate \$100 to fund the costs of providing training to teachers without cost.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the donation of \$100 to NC DA&CS to provide Food Land and People to educators.

(4.4) Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that he attended the Cabarrus Board of Commissioners to request permission to ask for additional funding for projects that did not get funded last year. Daniel will be meeting with Mike Barrier concerning his application to the ACEP program. The contacts for the Grantham/Holcombe easement have been contacted and should update us soon. Chris Childers and Daniel McClellan went to a Harrisburg planning meeting and discussed a property with potential easement. Poplar Tent and Cox Mill Road, on NE side of Rocky River may be utilized as an easement and/or a thread trail by the Cabarrus Active Living and Parks.

(4.5) Quarterly Budget Report

Daniel reported that we are on budget so far for the year.

(5) Unfinished Business

(5.1) NC Foundation of Soil and Water Grant

Clint Brooks reported that we had applied for a weed wiper and was turned down, however the foundation had contacted him to apply again as new money has been found. The district would have to cover 5% of cost. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reapplication of this grant.

(6) New Business

(6.1) NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

Almond Farm Contract #13-2018-002 for stream bank restoration \$29,440. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the contract for Almond Farm.

(6.2) NC Water Resource Agriculture Program

Maiko Yang Contract #13-2018-801 for irrigation well \$7,698. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the contract of Maiko Yang.

(6.3) Plan of Work

Daniel McClellan discussed the district plan of work, saying that a few changes were made in the lead person due to personnel changes since the original was drafted and more shared responsibilities were added on some items. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the revised Plan of Work.

(6.4) Watershed Stewardship Schools

Tammi Remsburg discussed a grant being put forth by Wake County Soil and Water to create a watershed steward program for schools. Ralston James also added to the information presented about the program. Tammi would be the lead for Cabarrus if this grant is awarded. UPON MOTION by Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the letter of commitment to be sent to Wake County Soil and Water for the Glaxo grant.

(7) Board, Partner, and Staff Report (moved from 4.1)

Ralston James updated the Board on the license tag for soil and water, the need for state fair volunteers, the division gun raffle, supervisor paperwork deadlines and NACD meeting. It was discussed that if a supervisor cannot go to the NACD meeting in Nashville, that a district staff person might go in their place. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve the reallocation of funds to allow a district staff member to go to the NACD

meeting if the Supervisors cannot attend. Ned Hudson will let Tammi Remburg know by the end of the week if he plans to attend. Daniel McClellan also read the NRCS update due to changes in the ability of that staff to attend after hour meetings. It mentioned the local work group priority ranking system, and EQIP applications being taken through November 17th. Also, that NRCS will be working with District Staff to review and update any JAA District Staff as well as identifying needs and concerns in obtaining new JAA in October.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter , seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.



Vicky Porter, Chairman



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer