

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 7, 2020

On Conference Call Phone bridge due to Covid-19

Supervisors in Attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Ned Hudson

**Others in Attendance: Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Lynn Shue (BOC liaison),
Grayson Sarif (NRCS), Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff),
Tammi Remsburg (staff)**

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1.1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter provided the invocation.

1.1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter read the following:

“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.”

Vicky and Tommy Porter asked to recuse themselves from the discussion of the spot checks due to their farm being part of the spot checks.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for September 1, 2020 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg told the Board that Ned Hudson was honored at the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Executive Board Meeting via phone to thank him for his decades of service to the District, Division and Association. Virtual lesson requests have started for Tammi and she will be working with Kannapolis City Schools to develop a curriculum that can be used by teachers outside on the school campus. Tammi mentioned the Annual NACD conference for supervisors-February 6-10- and they agreed to talk about it next meeting.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that funded projects are moving along. Lost Acres farm is still missing the cultural resources survey. Lewis Cress' project on hold due to new baby in the family. Son was going to do the work.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that an extension was asked for and granted from the state for the Oliver Hill Easement due to the passing of Oliver's wife. We are still on a deadline of October 16th because of federal money already sent to the county's lawyer. If closing doesn't occur before then, the money will have to be sent back and start over.

The final title commitment for Barrier Easement has arrived. Finishing up on final paperwork for that easement.

The Porter and Sean Barrier easements will be monitored tomorrow by ADFP staff and our staff.

4.4 Update on NRCS

Grayson Sarif reported that EQIP and CSP grants were completed for this cycle. In our 6-county area, we received \$2.2 million (\$17,000 to Cabarrus County producers) for CSP and \$3.4 million (\$12,000) for EQIP. Most of the grant money went to Anson and Montgomery Counties. Grayson said that NRCS will be getting

back to historical application deadlines to prevent overlap of programs.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Spot Checks

Chuckie Bass reported that the spot checks went well. There were 2 litter sheds with broken boards that would be considered a maintenance issue that can be corrected easily. The Board was sent the photos via email as the Division of Soil & Water said could be done this year due to Covid-19. There was a discussion that they approved the spot checks, but due to the Porter's recusing from the discussion and a Board member absent, the vote was postponed to the next meeting.

5.3 J.M. Robinson signage

Tammi Remsburg reported that the final step was occurring at JM Robinson-educational signage. The county staff will be installing them tomorrow and Tammi will meet with a school science teacher to provide guidance on how to use the area as an outdoor learning space.

(6) New Business

6.1 2021 Plan of work

Daniel McClellan presented the document that is a cooperative agreement between the District, District Staff and NRCS. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the Plan of Work.

6.2 Ted Bullock 13-2021-501

Daniel McClellan explained that this was a repair to the system originally put in that did not work.

6.2.a Application UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application 13-2021-501 for Ted Bullock.

6.2.b Contract Underdrain system/grass swale \$10,000 UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract 13-2021-501 for \$10,000.

6.3 Kip Williams 13-2021-002

Chuckie Bass explained that this was to remove the biosolids out of a lagoon.

6.3.a Application UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application 13-2021-002 for Kip Williams.

6.3.b Contract \$12,573 UPON MOTION of jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract 13-2021-002 for \$12,573.

6.4 Eddie Moose 13-2021-004

Chuckie Bass explained that this was for Livestock Stream Exclusion.

6.4.a Application UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application 13-2021-004 from Eddie Moose.

6.4.b Contract \$5,226 UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract 13-2021-004 for \$5,226.

6.5 Flowe Family Farms LLC 13-2021-003

Chuckie Bass explained that this was for winter cover crop.

6.5.a Application UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application 13-2021-003 from Flowe Family Farms LLC.

6.5.b Contract \$ 3,607 UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve contract 13-2021-003 for \$3,607.

6.6 Eddie Moose 13-2021-801 Agwrap

Chuckie Bass explained that this is for a livestock well.

6.6.a Application UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application 13-2021-801 from Eddie Moose.

6.6.b Contract UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract 13-2021-801 for \$8,657.

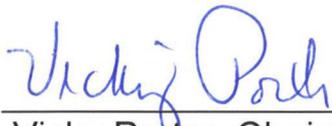
6.7 Food, Land and People Month

Tammi Remsburg reported that we got a letter from the Association about FLP Month in October. They ask each district to donate \$100 to help cover the costs of the curriculum for this training for teachers to go free. Tammi also reported that with the Union SWCD educator, she will have trained 74 people on this curriculum by the end of November. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to send the \$100 donation for FLP.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Vicky Porter asked for any comments. Kevin May, candidate for the Board of Supervisors had sent a note to the Board that Tammi read due to a meeting conflict for Kevin. The Board wanted Tammi to respond on their behalf for the kind message.

(8) Adjourn UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer