

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday January 5, 2021 5:30 p.m.

**On Microsoft Teams-Supervisors in attendance virtually: Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth,
Jennifer Caligan, Eddie Moose**

**Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Lynn Shue (BOC Liaison),
Daniel McClellan (Staff), Chuckie Bass (Staff), Tammi Remsburg (Staff),
Shauntae Britt (NRCS), Kevin May (guest)**

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jeff Goforth at 5:35 p.m. Chair Vicky Porter was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Jeff Goforth 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.” Hearing none, he moved on to item 1.3.

1.3 Election of Officers

Due to Vicky Porter not being present on the meeting, it was decided to wait until the February meeting to elect new officers.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

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

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the December minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report and Annual Meetings

Tammi Remsburg reported that all who had requested to be signed up for the annual meetings and supervisor training had been registered. Contest entries are due the end of January. She will have an in-person class at Hope Academy in their outdoor classroom in two weeks.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass gave an update on all cost share projects. All are moving along well.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Oliver Hill Easement is complete. Sam Davis application has been turned in. He has not heard if the Wilson Easement was closed out as expected. He will check on this. Kelly Sifford reported that the county would like to allow farmers to lease part of the St. Stephen's property and asked if the Board would be willing to look at the RFPs to choose the farmers for the county. Verbal agreement was given by the Board.

4.4 Update on NRCS

Shauntae Britt gave the NRCS update telling the Board that there is an added position that will be housed out of the Concord office. She asked for any suggestions for a person to apply for this NRCS position. It will be open until filled.

(5) New Business

5.1 District Issues Meeting

Daniel McClellan had talked to Ralston James about calling a district issues meeting. He was told that there was a procedure to follow. He sent us the procedures. This meeting has not been done for many years. A Vice-chair needs to call the meeting. It looks like Lincoln County needs to call it. Other areas have these meetings regularly. Jeff Goforth said that he would be happy to bring it up as a need. He asked Daniel to do the legwork to talk to other districts to see what the issues are and an appropriate date for meeting.

5.2 Request for payment-David Carter #13-2020-008

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the RFP for \$13,297 for cropland conversion.

5.3 Request for payment-Ted Bullock # 13-2020-501 and #13-2020-503

5.3a #13-2021-501 UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the RFP for \$10,000 for project repair.

5.3b #13-2020-503 UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the RFP for \$2500.

(6) Old Business

6.1 Reserved Rights for Clarke Creek

Tammi Remsburg presented the reserved rights document as the state had added back items that were discussed in a previous board meeting. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the reserved rights document as presented.

6.2 Executive meeting for Spring Area VIII meeting

Jeff Goforth lead some discussion on the Spring area meeting and the need to set a date for the Executive Meeting. January 28 at 11:30 am was decided for the executive meeting. Jeff and Tammi will try to get hold of Ralston James to get the word out to the other members of this committee.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Kevin May thanked the Board for allowing him to continue to be part of its work in whatever capacity possible. He also congratulated Kelly Sifford for 20 years with the county.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Victoria Porter

Vicky Porter, Chair

Charles B. III For Tommy Porter

Tommy Porter, Sec/Treasurer