

## CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Minutes of Tuesday February 2, 2021

On Microsoft Teams

Supervisors in attendance: Jennifer Caligan, Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth

Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan (district staff), Chuckie Bass (district staff), Tammi Remsburg (district staff), Kelly Sifford (department head), Lynn Shue (BOC liaison), Ralston James (area 8 coordinator), Kevin May (guest)

#### (1) Call to Order

##### 1.1 and 1.2.

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She asked Tommy Porter to give the invocation. Vicky then read the conflict of interest statement:

*“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, Vicky handed the meeting over to Tammi Remsburg.

##### 1.3 Election of Officers

Tammi Remsburg asked for nominations from the Board for office of Chairperson of the Cabarrus Soil & Water Board. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, Vicky Porter was nominated for the position of chairperson. Tammi asked for any other nominees and hearing none, the Board voted unanimously to elect Vicky Porter as Chair of the Board. Tammi gave control of the meeting back to Vicky. Vicky Porter asked for nominees for Vice-Chair of the Cabarrus Soil & Water Board. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to elect Jeff Goforth as Vice-Chair of the Cabarrus Soil & Water Board. There were not any other nominees for this position. Asking for nominees for Secretary/Treasurer of the Cabarrus Soil & Water Board, there was only one name nominated. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Jennifer Caligan, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to elect Tommy Porter as Secretary/Treasurer of the Cabarrus Soil & Water Board.

(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 January 5, 2021 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the January 5th minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report and Annual Meetings

Tammi Remsburg reported that she had a great turnout for the contests despite the pandemic. Judges have been sent the items to be judged. She added yard signs as an award for the winners this year, since they cannot be honored in person.

Tammi also reported that the staff and some board members are attending (virtually) the NACD annual conference this week and next. Report on the Area 8 Executive Meeting which happened last week included the fact that the Area 8 Spring Meeting for which Cabarrus SWCD is responsible will be virtual. Lynn Shue will do the welcome to the group; Tommy Porter will do the invocation and Jennifer Caligan and crew will be the speakers to tell about their app design project for cattle farmers.

Jeff Goforth also mentioned the District Issues Meeting concern and Ralston explained that he would need to get together with Terry Turbyville to get the meeting called. Ralston will also go to the Division head and others to discuss the stream restoration project that has been on hold for 7 years.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the cold weather and wet conditions has slowed work on contracts for the moment. We will be asking for more money in the Ag Cost Share supplemental application in the next month.

#### 4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan shared the easement copy sent from the Davidson Land Conservancy for the property that we released to them (Wilson Easement).

Davis Easement contract turned in. There will need to be a conservation plan put in place on that property.

4.4 Update on NRCS No report given today.

#### (5) New Business

##### 5.1 RFP meeting for St. Stephen's property

Kelly Sifford explained that the RFP to farm the St. Stephen's park property went out and the deadline to return is Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>. She will be getting back with the Board, so that they can review the applicants in time to get approval before planting season. Discussion ensued about who might be interested in the lease and the Board agreed that everyone that they knew about had been contacted.

#### (6) Old Business

##### 6.1 Update on Clark Creek Property

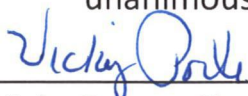
Tammi Remsburg reported that the Reserved Rights document has been returned to the state and we are awaiting the lawyer and committee reviews. It will probably be March before we hear back again on it. Kelly Sifford said that the Concord property next door was working on Master Plan design. Construction set to start summer of 2022. Lynn Shue suggested that additional budget money not be asked for yet until we know about the city's plans more and how we will tie in.

#### (7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

No public comments.

#### (8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and passed unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairperson

  
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Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer