

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday March 2, 2021 5:30 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: 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), Grayson Sarif (NRCS)

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Tommy Porter gave the invocation. Vicky Porter read the following 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, she moved on to item #2.

(2) Approval of Agenda

Vicky Porter told the Board that some additions had occurred since the agenda was sent out. Items 5.2b and 5.2c and item #8 needed to be added to the agenda. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda with the addition of items 5.2b, 5.2c and 8.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for February 2, 2021 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the minutes for the February 2, 2021 meeting.

(4) Approval or Correction of Minutes for Called Meeting February 17th

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the minutes for the called February 17, 2021 meeting.

(5) Informational Items

5.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg told the Board that over 1100 students and 12 schools participated in the contests this year—including 4 new schools. She will be getting the entries for the Area 8 competition tomorrow and will pass entries on to judges. Tammi has been busy with virtual classes this past month. She reminded everyone of the below dates. Daniel McClellan gave an update on the District Issues Meeting that was held last week.

5.1a Important Dates: February 24th at 1:30-District Issues Meeting (Daniel)

March 3rd at 10:00-12 am Area VIII Spring Meeting

March 10th 6:30 p.m. rezoning community meeting for Clarke Creek Easement neighbor. Contact bridgetgrant@mvalaw.com to attend.

March 24th Davis Farm Visit by ADFP 3:00 pm (let Daniel know if coming)

5.1b Elevator Pitch

Tammi explained that at the NACD meeting, she and Jennifer Caligan ended up in the same workshop on communication. They were talking about having an “elevator pitch”, which is a short description of what the district is and does. Tammi shared the document that the Washington State Districts had come up with to use as a jump off point to create this. Tammi requests that the Board look at this and give her parts that they think are important to use when telling the story of CSWCD. She will work on developing it and present it at a future meeting.

5.2 Division Funds Report

5.2a Spot Checks

Chuckie Bass told the Board that Spot Checks are coming up soon. The Board asked Chuckie to get possible dates together as well as who is being spot checked and get back to them. Ralston James said that the decision on whether or not to allow photographs from staff as last year had not been determined.

5.2b Application # 13-2021-005 Heavy Use Area- Jeremy Wayne

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and passed unanimously, the Board moved to accept application #13-2021-005 for Jeremy Wayne.

5.2c contract #13-2021-005 for \$8,094

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and passed unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2021-005 for \$8,094.

5.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that a few procedural changes were sent out for the state ADFP easement program. They will not affect the application for Davis Farm that is already in for review. \$500,000 cap on easements. We were also assigned two employees to deal with easement application. He also reported that we have requested \$10,000 in the budget for next year for the Clarke Creek easement fencing, signage and trails. Budget meeting is tomorrow with finance. Staff will be going out with Landon Barrier to look at the leased property on St. Stephen’s road in the next week or so. Daniel also gave an update on an animal waste spill that will require the producer to get a federal as well as a state permit. He was working on the state permit when it happened. The state permit person will be working with him. Daniel also mentioned a feed lot that he had gotten complaint calls about. Tommy had the property owners phone number and passed it on so Daniel can call and see how CSWCD can help them.

5.4 Update on NRCS

Grayson Sarif gave a report on how NRCS is functioning during the pandemic. He said that there has not been much interest in the Concord office position that was added to their team.

He also mentioned a property that neighbors have complained about. He thinks that there is a language barrier with the owner. Ralston James and Kelly Sifford are trying to find an interpreter and then CSWCD staff and Grayson can go visit the farm and see how they can help.

(6) Old Business

6.1 Clarke Creek Easement Property

Tammi Remsburg reported that the North Carolina Land and Water Fund (formally the clean water management fund) Board of Directors met and approved the next step to get our reserved rights on the Clark Creek Easement.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Vicky Porter asked for any comments from the public. Lynn Shue told of a new county program to help the public with emergency rental assistance. He wanted us to pass the word to anyone who needs the help. He then left the meeting.

(8) Closed Session for Conservation Plan

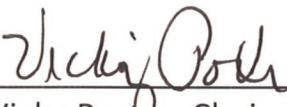
Vicky Porter asked Jeff Goforth to take over the meeting for the closed session. He read the following: "I would entertain a motion to enter a "closed session due to Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008" with an invitation to Kelly Sifford and Ralston James." UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to enter closed session at 6:53 p.m.

(9) Return to regular meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to exit closed session at 6:56 p.m.

(10) Adjourn

Vicky Porter asked for any other business, hearing none. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan, and carried unanimously the Board moved to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer