

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday April 6, 2021 5:30 p.m.

On Microsoft Teams

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

Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff),

Grayson Sarif (NRCS), Kevin May (guest), Ralston James (division SWCD)

(1) Call to Order

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

1.1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave 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 recused themselves from item #7 (closed session) during the discussion of their farm.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda with the striking of item #4.5 as she was unable to attend.

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

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the minutes for March 2nd as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that 7 students and 1 Envirothon team are going on to State Contests. Cook Cattle Farm will be our Conservation Farm Family entry. Tammi also mentioned that the county commission meeting has gone to in-person. After supervisor discussion, it was decided to try to go back to in-person meetings again starting May 4th socially distanced in the Coop. Ext. Building Auditorium. Tammi will check on county rules.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the Moose stream project had started. CSWCD received additional cost share funds and he will be contacting those on the ranking sheet to see if they want to do projects.

4.2a Spot Checks

Chuckie Bass reminded that the spot checks need to be finished by June 1st. The Porters are on the list to be checked, so they can't be the supervisors on the spot checks. Jennifer can't get off during the school day to do this. Jeff might have availability the first week of May and Eddie might be able to do at least the Porters. Chuckie will get a list of potential dates out to the Board so that the 10-day notice can be given to the producers that will be checked.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Sam Davis farm visit happened on March 24 for the ADFP conservation easement application. They have a new system of ranking, so they needed some additional information which is in the works. The property in question is 98% prime farmland soil, so they may have a good chance of being picked.

4.4 Update on NRCS

Grayson Sarif showed the statistics of the Team 11 work group and that notifications will be coming out on April 23rd of the latest EQIP projects. There are 4 applications for Cabarrus County and 1 application for CSP program. He also reported that Chuckie Bass' application for JAA was reviewed by Shauntae Britt and sent back for some corrections.

4.5 Update on CREP was removed from the agenda due to a schedule conflict.

(5) New Business

5.1 Conservation Implementation Report

Daniel McClellan showed a document that showed the NC counties' ranking based on cost share and federal moneys allocated. This ranking is used by the division to provide the cost share salary benefit. We received less funds this year for this benefit. There was much discussion on why the EQIP and CSP programs figure into this formula when district employees can't control that.

5.2 RFP (Request for Payment)

Chuckie Bass presented cover crop Contract # 13-2021-003 for \$3,607. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the RFP for #13-2021-003.

(6) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Vicky Porter asked for any comments. None were presented.

(7) Closed Session for Conservation Plans

At 6:35 p.m., Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Jeff Goforth 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". UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to enter closed session, with invitations to Tammi, Daniel, Chuckie, Ralston, and Grayson, to consider 10 conservation plans.

At 6:42 p.m., UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to re-enter the open meeting, after approving 10 conservation plans.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer