

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday May 4, 2021 5:30 p.m.

On Microsoft Teams

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

Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), , Chuckie Bass (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff), Kelly Sifford (department head), Grayson Sarif (NRCS), Lee Holcomb (NRCS)

(1) Call to Order

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

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

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."

Hearing none, she moved on to item #2.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for April 6, 2021 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the April 6 minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

4.1a Elevator Pitch

Tammi Remsburg share the elevator pitch that she and Jennifer Caligan had worked on. There was one recommendation for the wording with the final version: *"What is Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District? Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District empowers landowners to voluntarily take action to insure a sustainable future. The District is led by local SWCD supervisors and staff who offer their expertise through providing education, funding, and technical assistance to all citizens of Cabarrus County."*

Tammi Remsburg explained that she plans to make posters to use at fairs to explain what the district does. She also plans to make cards that can be given out in the field. She also reported that we had 2 second place winners in the state poster contests and that 2 Envirothon teams placed and participated in the state contest for the first time ever competing.

4.2 Division Funds Report

4.2a Spot Checks

Chuckie Bass reported that the spot checks will take place tomorrow-5/5/2021. Jeff Goforth will be the Board representative. He also update the Board on current Ag Share projects.

4.2b KD Enterprises Farm LLC AGWRAP Well \$8,657

1.Application 13-2021-802 UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application 13-2021-802.

2.Contract 13-2021-802 UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract 13-2021-802.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that all additional information for the Davis Farm application has been sent to ADFP. Monitoring of ALE/ADFP easements is due July 16th. He hopes to do the monitoring in May or June.

4.4 Update on NRCS

Grayson Sarif and Lee Holcomb both updated the Board on current application numbers and status of position for Soil Conservation Technician in Cabarrus that is currently open for hire. Lee explained that by having this position in our district office, more NRCS/district cooperation could occur.

(5) New Business

5.1 Strategy Plan

Daniel McClellan presented the 2022 ACSP-CCAP strategy plan and BMP Funds Audit Report. This also includes the ranking sheets for CCAP, Agwrap, and NCACSP. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the Strategy Plan and Audit, along with the associated ranking forms.

5.2 Job Approval Authority (JAA) for cover crops

Chuckie Bass asked the Board to approve his application to receive Job Approval Authority for cover crops. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board approved the application of Chuckie Bass to receive JAA from NRCS.

5.3 RFP (Request for payment) JLP Holdings \$1637 contract 13-2020-007

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the RFP for JLP Holdings for \$1637.

5.4 RFP (Request for payment)

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the RFP for Cora Lee Cottage for \$248.

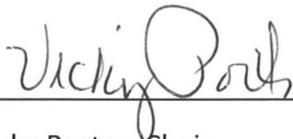
(6) Public comment (3 minutes each)--no comments

(7) Closed Session for Conservation Plan

At 6:33 p.m., Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Jeff Goforth. He asked for a motion to enter closed session "due to Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008". The Board approved one conservation plan in closed session. At 6:35 they returned to open meeting.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer