CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday September 7, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Offices Auditorium

Supervisors in Attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Eddie Moose, Jeff Goforth, Jennifer Caligan, Kevin May (associate)

Others in Attendance: Tammi Remsburg (District staff), Daniel McClellan (District staff), Chuckie Bass (District staff), Zach Russell (NRCS), Ralston James (Division staff)

(1) Call to Order

Chair 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 went on to item #2.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of August 3rd Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the minutes from the August 3rd meeting as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that the 2 sessions that she taught at the CET (Conservation Employees Training) went well. She said to mark the calendars for the Association annual meeting January 9-11 in Durham and the NACD Annual meeting in Orlando Feb 12-16. It would be good if a supervisor would attend. There was discussion about the October 13th Fall Area 8 meeting of which we are the sponsor.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass updated the Board on cost share programs. He said that the new fiscal year funds were used up by only 3 projects, due to less money being sent to us.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan said that Davis Farm is still awaiting decision. Staff will be monitoring donated easements soon. He showed the 2 additional interested farm conservation easements ranking to update the Board.

4.4 Update on NRCS

Zach Russell introduced himself as the new NRCS Soil Conservation Technician working out of the Cabarrus office. He plans to update the Board on projects starting next month.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Donated Easements

Daniel McClellan showed the Board maps of each of the non-agricultural easements that the district is responsible for. He wanted the new supervisors to aware of this information. There was some discussion of only taking easements on land that is of value to the district for conservation purposes, not just because it is "discarded".

(6) New Business

6.1 Rowan SWCD resolution

Daniel McClellan presented a resolution that is going before the Area 8 supervisors at the October 13 meeting. After discussion, UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to endorse the resolution as written by Rowan County.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

No public comments.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Vicky Porter, Chair

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer