

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday October 5, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

**Virtual via MS Teams**

**Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Kevin May Jr. (Associate)**

**Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff),  
Ralston James (NC Division of SWCD), Lynn Shue (BOC liaison)**

(1) Call to Order

Chair Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter read the 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

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the agenda with the corrections: Add item #8 Closed Session and make Adjournment #9.

(3) Approval or Correction of September Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the September 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that she is beginning to get scheduled for in-person classes again. She also explained that there will be a resolution from Gaston County at the Annual Meeting in January that didn't make it in time for the Area 8 meeting. It basically will extend the contests so that all grades in middle school and high school can participate. It was asked for by teachers that responded to the survey sent out. There was some discussion about the Area Fall Meeting next Wednesday. Ralston will touch base with Tammi and Jeff to finalize details.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the Mitch Haigler project is complete. Almond Farms should be starting in the next week. Tommy Porter said that his farm's project was progressing. Chuckie will be applying for additional Job Approval (JA) in water well, livestock exclusion fencing, trough or tank, heavy use area protection, stream protection well. Therefore, he needed the Board's approval to apply for this JA. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff

Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve application for JA of Chuckie Bass.

#### 4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that ADFP will monitor the Hill and Barrier Easements in October. District staff will monitor the non-agricultural easements before the end of the year. Daniel had contacted Dick Fowler from ADFP for an update on the Davis Farm Application. He was told that it is ranked 20<sup>th</sup> out of 47 applications. They are awaiting a budget to be passed in the state legislature.

Daniel asked for permission to go to the BOC meeting to ask for the ability to apply for the next round of state and federal easements. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to allow Daniel McClellan to approach the BOC to get permission to apply for the next round of easement applications. Jeff Goforth asked about the tax question asked in the last meeting. Daniel will present the answers in the next meeting.

#### 4.4 Additional updates

There was not an update from NRCS. Chair Vicky Porter asked Lynn Shue if he would like to speak. He thanked the Board and staff for their work. Ralston James told of the new Soil and Water building at the fair. He also said that they need volunteers to work the building from October 14-24<sup>th</sup>.

#### (5) Old Business- no old business

#### (6) New Business

##### 6.1 Food Land and People Month

Tammi Remsburg reported that it is Food Land and People month. This curriculum is offered free to educators due to the donations of districts each year. They ask a minimum of \$100 from each district. After discussion of the importance of this curriculum, the Board asked if we could raise the amount given. UPON MOTION of Jeff, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to raise the Food Land and People sponsorship from the minimum of \$100 to \$200 for this year and future years.

##### 6.2 Cover Crop Project Flowe Family Farms LLC

###### 6.2a Application 13-2022-001 \$3,382 Flowe Family Farms LLC

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the application 13-2022-001.

###### 6.2b Contract 13-2022-001 \$3,382 Flowe Family Farms LLC

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve contract 13-2022-001.

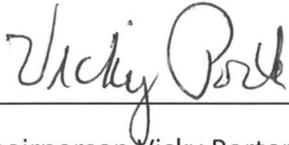
(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)- no public comments

(8) Closed Session for Conservation Plan

At 6:32 p.m., Chair Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Jeff Goforth. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Vicky Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to go to Closed Session "due to Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008". A conservation plan was approved. At 6:34 p.m. the Board returned to open session and Vice Chair Jeff Goforth returned meeting control to Chair Vicky Porter.

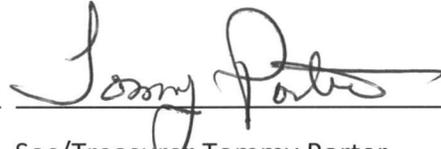
(9) Adjourn

Having no additional business, UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.



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Chairperson Vicky Porter



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Sec/Treasurer Tommy Porter