

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Virtual via MS Teams

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

**Others in attendance: Lynn Shue (BOC liaison), Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Tammi
Remsburg (staff), Grayson Sarif (NRCS)**

(1) Call to Order

At 5:32 p.m., Chair Vicky Porter called the meeting to order.

1.1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.1.2 Conflict-of-interest statement

Vicky Porter read the conflict-of-interest 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, they moved to item 2.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6.2 (Cost Share Contract) which was not ready.

(3) Approval or Correction of November Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Vicky Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the November minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education

Tammi Remsburg gave the report that she has been very busy with contest classes. The contests entries are due January 28th. The Public Speaking contest will take place in our office building February 2nd at 6 p.m. Tammi is the new secretary for the Southern Piedmont Envirothon Committee and website person.

4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that Daniel suggested that we separate the Education and Communications reports so that supervisors can focus on critical information to them. She reported that all supervisors have made their training goals for this term. She also told them that in addition to Ned's award at the Annual Meeting, we would also be getting a district and teacher award.

4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that the Almond project is getting close to finishing. Moose project is waiting on contractor. Moore project is waiting on the engineer design. Porter project has most of the water line in. Cress project is temporarily on hold due to death in family. Williams has a bit of fencing left to do. There is one more project being discussed that might use up most of the rest of the cost share money.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Davis application was approved by the ADFP grant program. Now we will need to apply to the federal ALE program. On November 2nd representatives of ADFP monitored the easements on Barrier and Hill. They found a wash in the field on the Barrier site. May need to use cost share money to fix this. We are awaiting the Cook family to fill out paperwork for the ADFP grant application due soon. Daniel mentioned that we are considering asking for an easement position in the district office that can devote full attention to easements, including donated ones. After discussion, the Board supported the idea to bring it before the county commission during the budget process.

4.5 Update on NRCS

Grayson Sarif gave a report on NRCS programs. He reported that \$2.6 million in EQIP money was spent in our team area and \$1 million in CSP money. He said that they have 195 applications for 2022 money, including 4 in Cabarrus County.

(5) Old Business- no old business

(6) New Business

6.1 Meeting Calendar

Tammi Remsburg presented the meeting calendar for 2022: January 4, February 1, March 1 April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

Vicky said that she and Tommy may have a conflict with the July 5th meeting, but could not commit to that at this time. It was decided to look at that date closer to the meeting and decide if it needs changing. Discussion about in person meeting with Lynn Shue reinforced that we can meet in person socially distanced with optional masking. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the meeting dates as written and start in person again on January 4th.

6.2 Cost Share Application/Contract ~~————— Chuckie Bass~~

6.3 Application for matching funds

Daniel McClellan showed the amendment of contract 21-035-4036 from the Division of Soil & Water for matching and cost share technical assistance funds for the district. He said that the paperwork is going to get moved along to get this funding. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the contract number 21-035-4036 amendment number 01-2022 from the Division of Soil & Water Conservation.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

There were no public comments.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer