

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday November 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual via MS Teams

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

**Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff),
Chuckie Bass (staff), Kelly Sifford (department head), Ralston James (division),
Lynn Shue (BOC liaison)**

(1) Call to Order

Chair Vicky Porter opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

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."* No response.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of October Minutes

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

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that her two educator trainings (Project Learning Tree and Leopold Education Project) went well. She asked the Board if they wanted to have the meeting virtually again in December since mask mandates may still be in effect. They agreed. Tammi also gave the date for the public speaking contest as February 2nd at 6 p.m.

4.2 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass gave updates on the Almond, Moose and Lost Acres projects. All are making progress.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Hill and Barrier easements were monitored by ADFP representatives. The Barrier easement has a washed-out area that will need to be

addressed. The Cabarrus BOC approved the request to apply for this year's easement funding from the state and federal easement programs.

4.4 Update on NRCS

Daniel McClellan presented the information from the Local workgroup meeting, which includes the rankings of priorities for project funding for Team 11. After discussion, UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the EQIP ranking document.

(5) Old Business

5.1 Tax information

Daniel McClellan presented the conservation adjustments table and the flow chart. Basically, lands that are non-working will be treated by the tax office on a case-by-case manner to determine tax reduction when considering an easement on the property.

(6) New Business

6.1 Mecklenburg resolution

Vicky Porter explained that as an elected official, the supervisors need to be aware that they are representing the District even when not "official" and need to make sure that what is being said is accurate. That is what the resolution is trying to insure.

6.2 Foundation Donation

Vicky Porter asked the Board if we could do our Foundation donation in Honor of Ned Hudson for his outstanding commitment to Soil & Water Conservation, including 24 years on the Cabarrus SWCD board. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to put the Foundation payment in Honor of Ned Hudson.

6.3a Application 13-2022-002 Alan Allison stream exclusion

Chuckie Bass presented an application for review. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept application #13-2022-002.

6.3b Contract 13-2022-002 \$24,239

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2022-002.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)

No public comments.

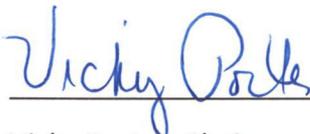
8) Closed Session for two Conservation Plans

At 6:28 p.m., Chair Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Jeff Goforth. Kelly Sifford and Lynn Shue left the meeting. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to go into closed session due to " "Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008".

At 6:32 p.m. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jennifer Caligan and carried unanimously, the Board moved to reopen the meeting. Jeff Goforth returned control of the meeting to Chair Vicky Porter.

(9) Adjourn

Hearing no other business, UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer