

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> , 2022, 5:30 p.m.**

**Virtual via MS Teams**

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

**Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (department head), Tammi Remsburg (staff)  
Daniel McClellan (staff), Chuckie Bass (staff), Zach Russell (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 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 conflicts were presented.

**(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 changes of meeting place (from in person to virtual) and addition of item #5.2 appointed supervisor position.

**(3) Approval or Correction of January Minutes**

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

**(4) Informational Items**

**4.1 Education**

Tammi Remsburg reported on the awards picked up at the Annual meeting: District of the Year, Secondary Conservation Teacher of the Year, and Ned Hudson's induction to the Soil & Water Hall of Fame. Vicky Porter complemented the district for the representation. Tammi also reported that contest entries were in and being processed and the public speaking contest is taking place tomorrow night with 7 students.

#### 4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that the contest resolution passed at the last meeting was passed at the annual meeting. Now it will need to be presented in the area meeting for acceptance across the contest. Another district is doing that. Also, it was requested that we have a legislative contact on our board. Jeff Goforth was picked for this position. Tammi will report this to Nancy Carter.

#### 4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that there is \$9000 left in ag-cost share and he hopes to find projects to use it for. After hearing updates for Moose and Porter's jobs, he reminded them that there is a deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> to have paperwork completed and in Raleigh.

#### 4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan reported that the Davis ALE application has been turned in. Also, he reported that the rule about supervisors not being able to have easements was changed with the last Farm Bill. They are now able to do so.

#### 4.5 Partner Report

Zach Russell from NRCS told the Board that he is currently working from home due to the 25% personnel rule, since district staff is working in office. NRCS hopes to re-evaluate at the end of March. EQIP had 82 applications in area-only 2 from Cabarrus County. There is a new urban initiative that includes high tunnels, large composting operations and wildlife habitats.

### (5) New Business

#### 5.1 Annual Meeting-Stream debris and CCAP money

Daniel McClellan reported that at the annual meeting, they were told about the state getting \$38 million for stream debris removal. He asked the Board to let him know of any areas that could be applied for this program. Also, CCAP has gotten additional funding and the application period is open.

#### 5.2 Appointed supervisor position

Jennifer Caligan has scheduling issues with attending the Board Meetings. She had talked to Vicky about options. Kevin May Jr. was approached to see if he would be willing to move into the appointed position on the Board and have Jennifer step down to associate member. After discussion with the Board, they went through the guiding questions for appointing members document as requested by the Division of Soil & Water. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to recommend to the Soil & Water Commission that Kevin May Jr. be appointed for the rest of Jennifer Caligan's term (2022).

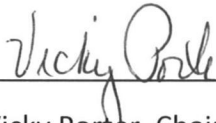
(6) Public comment (3 minutes each) No public comments.

(7) Closed Session for Conservation Plan

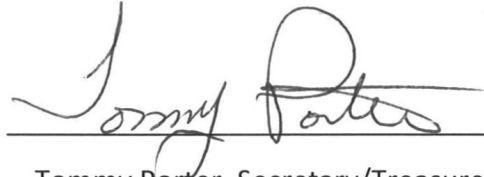
UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to go into "closed session due to Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008" at 6:28 p.m. with invitation to Kelly Sifford and Zach Russell. One conservation plan was discussed and approved.

(8) Adjourn

The Board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. Hearing no additional business, UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chair



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer