CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Tuesday December 6th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. Auditorium Cabarrus County Extension Building Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Eddie Moose, Kevin May Jr., Mitch Haigler (associate) Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Daniel McClellan (staff), Kelly Sifford (Asst. County Manager)

Oath of Office given by Tammi Remsburg, Notary Public to Vicky Porter and Jeff Goforth

(1) Call to Order

Chair Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

<u>1.1</u> <u>Invocation</u> Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter read the following, with no response:

"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."

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of November 1st Minutes

UPON MOTION of Kevin May Jr., seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the November 1st minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education

Tammi Remsburg reported that it has been a busy fall with school programs. She also gave some "Save the Dates": Contest entries due January 27th; February 9th Public Speaking Contest at the Extension Building Auditorium; May 15th Contest Awards Banquet at First Presbyterian Church.

4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan reminded the Board of the Annual Association meeting in Cherokee on January 8th -10th. He reminded Kevin of the basic training for supervisors. Daniel brought up the subject of cost to rent the no-till drill. He gave some comparisons of neighboring counties. After discussion, UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to increase drill rental rates to \$12 in county and \$15 out of county. This will need to be approved by the Cabarrus Board of Commissioners. Daniel and/or Kelly will present it to the BOC. As an addendum, UPON MOTION of Kevin May Jr., seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to begin the increased fees March 1st, 2023.

4.3 Division Funds Report

Daniel McClellan gave updates on current projects.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan told the Board that the District staff have been working with Three Rivers Land Trust to complete conservation plans for easement properties that the land trust is working on. One of the potentially donated easements is being sold to the neighbor, however the new owner is also wanting to do the conservation easement. Shelby Carroll is scheduled to speak about easements at a future Cattleman's Association meeting.

4.5 Partner Report- no partner reports submitted.

(5) New Business

5.1 Meeting schedule

Tammi Remsburg submitted a proposed schedule for 2023 meeting dates. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Kevin May Jr., and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the proposed schedule. Those dates are: January 3rd, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, June 27th, August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th.

(6) Public comment (3 minutes each) - no comments

(7) Closed Session for Conservation Plans

Vicky Porter gave control of the meeting to Vice Chair Jeff Goforth at 6:30 p.m. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, 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 with an invitation to Kelly Sifford.

There was discussion and approval of conservation plans on 4 tracts of land.

UPON MOTION of Kevin May Jr., seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to return to open session at 6:38 p.m.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved at adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Vicky Porter, Chairperson

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer