

**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday March 7, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**Auditorium Cabarrus County Extension Building**

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

**Others in attendance: Tammi Remsburg (staff), Shelby Carroll (staff),  
Chuckie Bass(staff) , Daniel McClellan (staff), Zach Russell (NRCS),  
Lynn Shue (BOC liaison)**

(1) Call to Order

Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 Invocation- Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement- Vicky Porter read the following 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."* There was no response.

(2) Approval of Agenda- UPON MOTION of Kevin May, Jr., seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the meeting agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of January 3rd Minutes- UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, Seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the January 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education- Tammi Remsburg reported that there were only 2 counties participating in the public speaking contest this year. We have 2 students going to the state competition (7<sup>th</sup> grade and High School) and Rowan has a 6<sup>th</sup> grade contestant. We held the 6<sup>th</sup> grade competition here instead of having to go to Shelby.

4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report- Daniel McClellan reported that all staff attended the Area 8 spring meeting. He asked Jeff Goforth to give a report of the Association Annual meeting and the NACD Annual Meeting that he had attended. There was some discussion on how unique our district is, as we still have both urban and rural sections.

4.3 Division Funds Report- Chuckie Bass reported that the request for payment for Alan Allison, contract # 13-2022-002 has been signed \$9548. The County lawyer has approved the permission slip for the STRAP program work. The district has received permit to begin bids on the STRAP work on Cold Water Creek. Some discussion on the

no-rise requirements that the division is trying to work out an agreement with FEMA to cover the STRAP work in the future. Chuckie will be sending dates to the Board on possible spot checks to get volunteers.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report- Shelby Carroll reported that she spoke at two events-The Cattleman's meeting and the NC Farm School. She and Daniel are looking at alternative ways to fund easements.

4.5 Partner Report- Zach Russell reported for NRCS. They are currently in EQIP pre-approval, including 3 high tunnels in Cabarrus County. There may be another EQIP sign-up in the future.

(5) Old Business

5.1 New rental fee-Daniel McClellan had mentioned in his staff report that the new drill rental fees have gone into effect. \$12 per acre in county and \$15 per acre out of county after the minimum of \$50 plus tax.

5.2 Ramseur Park update- Daniel McClellan reported to the Board that the district staff had been approached about running a sewer line under the creek on the Cox Mill School Easement property. The entire plan is still in a state of flux. Vicky Porter suggested that the Board look at what they want for the two easement properties that border the new park property, to be better prepared for a future meeting with city staff.

(6) New business

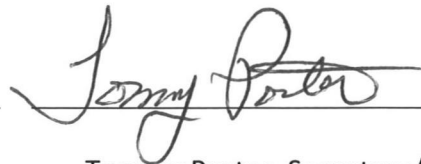
6.1 Outstanding Environmental Educator - Daniel McClellan congratulated Tammi Remsburg on winning the Association's Outstanding Environmental Educator of the year at the Annual Meeting in January.

(7) Public comment (3 minutes each)-none presented.

(8) Adjourn-UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer