

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Tuesday January 2, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium
Supervisors in Attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter,
Jeff Goforth, Eddie Moose
Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan,
Chuckie Bass, Amy Cook, Tammi Remsburg, Rick McSwain

(1) Call to Order

Chairperson, Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

1.1 Invocation

Tommy Porter gave the invocation.

1.2 Conflict of interest statement

Vicky Porter read the following and heard no comments.

"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."

1.3 Statement of Professionalism

"Supervisors are reminded of their responsibility to uphold the laws of the United States and North Carolina and their constitutions. Business is to be conducted in a professional manner, free of bias, of interactions that violate policies or individual liberties and that address business issues only. Interactions are to be held with integrity, courtesy, honesty and in compliance with the highest ethical standards."

1.4 Election of Officers

Chairperson Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Tammi Remsburg for the election of the 2024 chairperson. She asked for nominations and got Vicky Porter nominated by Jeff Goforth. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to re-elect Vicky Porter as Chairperson of the CSWCD Board of Supervisors. Tammi gave meeting control back to newly re-elected Vicky Porter. Vicky asked for nominations for Vice-chair and Secretary/Treasurer. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to re-elect Jeff Goforth as Vice-chair of the CSWCD Board of Supervisors. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to re-elect Tommy Porter as Secretary/Treasurer of the CSWCD Board of Supervisors.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of December 5th Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the December 5th minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Education Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that programs are scheduled for January. There is a Project WET curriculum training on the 13th. Contest entries are due January 26th. All supervisors are invited to come support the public speaking contest contestants on February 13th at 6 p.m.

4.2 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan reminded of the NCASWCD annual meeting next week reported that Jeff Goforth will be representing the Board there and at the NACD conference in February. Daniel also reported that Zach Russell could not attend tonight's meeting but said to report that the CSP deadline is March 17th. Also, a reminder to make sure that producers' paperwork is up to date in the FSA office.

4.3 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that spot checks are coming up. He will send dates and pulled projects to supervisors so that they can schedule to be part of it. Vicky reminded that the bird flu is still an issue with poultry producers and that spot checks should not be scheduled so that there is more than one poultry producer per day.

4.3A Strap Update

Daniel McClellan showed photos of the area that was proposed to be cleaned out. After the heavy rains last week, the debris was washed away. They had just gotten the permits to do the job. Daniel asked the Board members if they thought they should continue to ask for money due to the flashy characteristics of the creeks in our county. After discussion, it was decided to not ask for funds from the next Strap cycle.

4.4 Conservation Easement Report

Amy Cook reported that the state received more than 100 applications for conservation easements. Now it is time to wait. Daniel McClellan reported that there had been some questions fielded about the Peninger/Burford estate property on Hwy 49. After discussion, the Board is going to wait to see how the heirs respond to this potential buyer.

(5) New Business

5.1 Calendar for 2024

Tammi Remsburg presented the following dates for 2024 meetings: February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the meeting schedule for 2024.

5.2 Contract Richard Suggs

Chuckie Bass presented a contract for stream exclusion for Richard Suggs.

5.2A Application 13-2024-001 \$23,500

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the application for #13-2024-001.

5.2B Contract 13-2024-001 stream exclusion

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the contract for #13-2024-001.

(6) Public comment (3 minutes each)

Before asking for public comment, Rick McSwain was given a chance to report in from the Division. He reported that the new Division website was difficult to find things on. He suggested contacting him or the technical person if needed forms are not located. Also, he reminded that the Area 8 spring meeting will be March 6th in Gaston County. No additional public comments.

(7) Closed Session for conservation Plan

At 6:15 p.m., Chairperson Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Jeff Goforth to go into closed session. 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" with an invitation to Rick McSwain. One conservation plan was discussed. At 6:16 p.m. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously the Board moved to return to open meeting. Jeff Goforth gave meeting control back to Vicky Porter.

7.1 Vote on Stream Exclusion Conservation Plan

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose and carried unanimously, the Board voted to accept the conservation plan discussed in closed session.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.



Chairperson, Vicky Porter



Secretary/Treasurer, Tommy Porter