

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday May 7, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium

**Supervisors present: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth,
Mitchell Haigler, Eddie Moose**

**Others present: Daniel McClellan (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff)
Chuckie Bass (staff), Molly Reiss (guest)**

(1) Call to Order

Chairperson 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 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."

1.3 Statement of Professionalism

Vicky Porter read the following:

"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 issue only. Interactions are to be held with integrity, courtesy, honesty and in compliance with the highest ethical standards."

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitchel Haigler, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of New Business #5.1a and #5.1b and renumbering.

(3) Approval or Correction of April 2nd Minutes

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the April 2nd minutes as written.

(4) Informational Items

4.1 Partner Report No partners were in attendance.

4.2 Education Report

Tammi Remsburg reported that the Envirothon Team from Cannon School got the second highest score on the Oral Presentation at the State Competition. We are proud of them! She introduced Molly Reiss, one of the team members, who introduced herself and told why she wanted to attend the RCW (Resource Conservation Workshop) in Raleigh this summer. The Board agreed that she was a good candidate to support. Molly left the meeting after her presentation. Tammi also reported that we are getting applicants for the newly renamed Resource Education Coordinator. The new adult volunteer, Polly Saatzer is doing great. Tammi would like to put Kenan Mattsson of Cannon School in as our teacher of the year. Our two public speaking students, Emma Porter and Manasvi Veeramallu, represented us well at the state competition. Emma got first place in 7th grade and Manasvi got second in 8th grade.

4.3 Supervisor's Communications Report

Daniel McClellan reminded the Board that there are two seats opening up on the Board this year. Eddie's position is nominated, and Tommy's position is elected. Filing is June 10-July 5. Nomination from the Board needs to be completed in the September meeting. Daniel reported about a possible federal position that they are asking if we would want in our office. Lots of discussion due to unanswered questions. Also, the Association education position was discussed. The person who fills that position will only be ½ time working for the Association and ½ for Randolph County. The Board wondered what we would actually get in the way of help from that person. Tammi asked about our yearly dues that we give to the Association for education and whether to earmark it for a specific program. They said to give it generally as usual and let the Association know that they are not pledging for the new position.

4.4 Division Funds Report

Chuckie Bass reported that Big Oak is complete, and Alan Allison is complete except the gate. Kirk Douglas is awaiting power hook up. Thunderstruck Farms is still working on the fence, and Porter has one of two heavy use areas in place. Chuckie thinks all will be complete in time.

4.3A StRAP Update

Daniel McClellan reported that they still have not received the no-rise permit. Hopefully it will be done by the end of the year.

4.5 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan that staff is still waiting to hear on the Davis & Williams Easement grants. They have asked for additional information, so still in the running. The last week of May, the ADFP team will join our district staff to monitor easements. Mitchell Haigler volunteered to be the supervisor to go on this. New easement applications are being considered for the next grant cycle.

(5) New Business

5.1 Lost Acres Farm #13-2024-004 stream exclusion

5.1a Application #13-2024-004 Lost Acres Farm- UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to accept the application #13-2024-004 for Lost Acres Stream exclusion.

5.1b Contract #13-2024-004 Lost Acres Farm \$ 38,373- UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract #13-2024-004 for Lost Acres Stream exclusion for \$38,373.

5.2 Strategy Plan

Chuckie Bass presented the changes in the strategy plan from the previous one. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the PY 2025 strategy plan.

5.3 Fund Audit

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board voted to accept the PY 2021-2023 program audit.

5.5 Spot Checks

Chuckie Bass reported that all spot checks went well. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Mitchell Haigler and carried unanimously, the Board moved to accept the spot checks.

(6) Public comment (3 minutes each)- no public in attendance

(7) Closed Session for two Conservation Plans

Chairperson Vicky Porter gave Vice-Chair Jeff Goforth control of the meeting at 6:18 p.m. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to enter a closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential. The information to be reviewed is protected by NC General Statute 139-8.2 and Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill. Discussion of two conservation plans occurred during the closed session. At 6:20, UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to return to Open Meeting.

UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitchell Haigler, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve the first conservation plan discussed in closed session for stream exclusion.

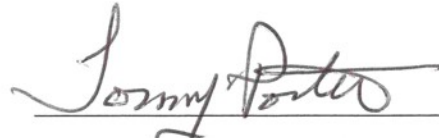
UPON MOTION of Mitchell Haigler, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the second conservation plan discussed in closed session for row crop.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer