

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday September 3, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium

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

**Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan, Amy Cook, Chuckie Bass, Abby Weinschenker,
Rick McSwain**

- (1) Call to Order
 - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:36 p.m.
- (2) Invocation
 - a. Tommy Porter gave invocation.
- (3) Conflict of interest statement
 - a. *"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."*
 - b. Vicky Porter read the statement. There was no response.
- (4) Statement of Professionalism
 - a. *"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."*
 - b. Vicky Porter read the statement.
- (5) Approval of Agenda
 - a. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
- (6) Approval or Correction of July 9th Minutes
 - a. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the minutes of the July 9th meeting as written.
- (7) Information Items
 - a. Partner Report
 - i. Rick McSwain gave a report about the District Issues meeting on August 29. Rick also mentioned that fall meeting resolutions are due two weeks before October 9. Rick asked how many supervisors will be in attendance for the meeting. Rick asked the Board of Supervisors about committee participation. Jeff Goforth agreed to be the alternate for the Education Committee if no other volunteers. Tommy Porter will continue to serve as alternate on the legislative committee.

- ii. NRCS turned in a report to Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District. The report discussed two EQIP contracts. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the report given by NRCS with the amendment to change the Fiscal Year to the correct date on the form.
- b. Education Report
 - i. Abby Weinschenker gave the education report, informing the board of two upcoming dates related to the Conservation Contest.
- c. Supervisor's Communications Report
 - i. Daniel McClellan gave the supervisors some dates to put on their calendars.
 - ii. Daniel McClellan asked Rick McSwain about when nominations for Farm Family of the Year are due.
- d. Division Funds Report
 - i. Chuckie Bass said that the 2022 contracts are complete and received payment.
 - ii. Chuckie Bass said that Kirk Davis AGWRAP Well is drilled but awaiting Division payment.
 - iii. Chuckie Bass said that 1 HUA is complete for the Porter Farms INC.
 - iv. Chuckie Bass has said that Keith Cauthen has completed the fencing.
- e. Strap Update
 - i. Daniel McClellan said that there is \$28,000 left and asked the board if they want to ask for more funding or an extension. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the board moved to not pursue more funding and to include a ranking sheet in future projects.
- f. Conservation Easements Report
 - i. Amy Cook said that the application request for conservation easement funding was presented to the Cabarrus County Commissioner's Work Session for Agricultural Growth Zone grant and to be matched with moneys from the Ned Hudson fund. The Commissioners will vote on it in two weeks.
 - ii. Amy Cook will be meeting with NRCS and ADFP on September 20 for the start of the Sam Davis easement.

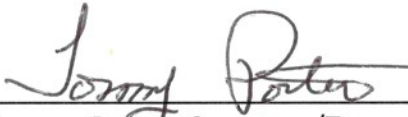
(8) New Business

- a. Supervisor Appointment
 - i. Abby Weinschenker to the board the Guiding Principles or Nomination of Supervisor for Appointment or Reappointment for the reappointment of Eddie Moose. All questions were answered.

- ii. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to swear in Eddie Moose.
 - b. Annual Report
 - i. Abby Weinschenker presented the Annual Report for FY 2024 to the board. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved the approved the report.
 - c. #13-2025-801 Billy Joyner AGWRAP Well
 - i. Application #13-2025-801
 - 1. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously, the board moved to accept the application for contract #13-2025-801.
 - ii. Contract #13-2025-801
 - 1. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the contract for #13-2025-801.
- (9) Public Comments (3 minutes each) – None
- (10) Closed Session for Conservation Plans
 - a. At 6:44 p.m., Chair Vicky Porter turned the meeting over to Vice-chair Jeff Goforth.
 - b. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved to enter closed session in 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.
 - c. After discussion of the conservation plan, UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Tommy Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved to return to open meeting at 6:46 p.m.
 - d. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the conservation plan discussed in closed session.
- (11) Adjourn
 - a. UPON MOTION of Vicky Porter, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer