

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday October 1, 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, Chuckie Bass, Abby Weinschenker, Rick
McSwain**

- (1) Call to Order
 - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:28 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 Eddie Moose, 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 Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve the minutes of the July 9th meeting as written.
- (7) Informational Items
 - a. Partner Report
 - i. Rick McSwain discussed Hurricane Relief donation drive from Soil and Water. He also reminded the board of the Fall Area VII Meeting on October 9, 2024, at 200 Gobbler Way, Stanly, NC. Rick McSwain mentioned that the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is asking for volunteers to assist with the North Carolina State Fair. Area I Fall Meeting is canceled and Area II Meeting is postponed due to Hurricane Helene.

- b. Education Report
 - i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report, informing the board that Edward Moose's nomination paperwork is complete.
 - ii. She also discussed numbers from Quarter 1 with education.
 - iii. Abby Weinshenker said that the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District will have its own Facebook in the coming months.
- c. Supervisor's Communications Report
 - i. Daniel McClellan discussed with the board about the Annual Meeting with NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation District. He reminded them there is a Board meeting the same night as the Tuesday in the Annual Meeting.
 - ii. Daniel McClellan reminded the board about the Area VIII Fall Meeting on October 9, 2024.
 - iii. Daniel McClellan discussed training Cabarrus Soil and Water staff on job approval authority.
- d. Division Funds Report
 - i. Chuckie Bass had a general discussion about cost-share program.
- e. Strap Update
 - i. Daniel McClellan said that there is \$28,000 left. The current project for Strap has been delayed due to Hurricane Helene.
 - ii. Daniel asked if the board would like to ask for an extension on the funds. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the board moved to approve asking for an extension on use of Strap funds.
- f. Conservation Easements Report
 - i. Daniel McClellan said that the Cabarrus County Commissioners approved the District to apply for the Agricultural Growth Zone grant.
 - ii. The Commissioners also approved for the District to reapply for two conservation easements previously applied in 2023. Amy Cook and Daniel McClellan will apply for federal and state money to assist with the conservation easement applications.
 - iii. Daniel McClellan said that the Sam Davis easement is in the preliminary stages of surveying.
 - iv. Vicky Porter and Daniel McClellan discussed a potential mentor program for residents that apply for conservation easements.

(8) New Business – None

(9) Public comment (3 minutes each)

- a. Steve McDonald had general discussion about a tree blockage in Buffalo Creek.

(10) Adjourn

- a. UPON MOTION of Vicky Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer