

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday November 4, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Cabarrus County Extension Building Auditorium

Supervisors in attendance: Jeff Goforth, Vicky Porter,

Tommy Porter, Mitch Haigler

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

1. Call to Order
 - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:23 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 Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
6. Approval or Correction of October 7, 2025, Minutes
 - a. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the minutes of the October 7 meeting as written.
7. Informational Items
 - a. Partner Report
 - i. Rick McSwain gave the partner report for the Division. Rick reminded the Board that there is a commission meeting on November 19 in Huntersville. Rick reminded the Board about the annual meeting in January.
 - ii. Rick informed the Board that program reviews will be changing and are going to be conducted annually. Rick said the reviews can be done with the staff, or during a Board meeting, where

supervisors will have the potentially to earn some hours. Rick said the review will be scheduled to occur within the next 12 months. Vicky Porter was in favor of it happening during a Board meeting.

- iii. Rick informed the Board that Union County held a special call to create a tax to help with conservation easements. The tax will be half a cent per a hundred dollars in property values.

b. Education Report

- i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report. Abby informed the Board that she went to the Project Learning Tree Facilitator training in Blowing Rock. Abby said she is already working to plan her first Project Learning Tree workshop in February 2026.
- ii. Abby informed the Board that she is working with the County Parks to plan a Project Wet training, and it is a matter of logistics. Project Wet requires a 6-hour training; however, it is hard to pull the park rangers for the training.
- iii. Abby informed the Board that she has been busy with programs, with one occurring almost everyday in October and teachers having presentation requests for the conservation contest.
- iv. Abby presented the Southern Piedmont Envirothon Sponsorship card to the Board and asked them to share the information they think would be interested.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the supervisors report. Daniel informed the Board that the City of Concord has sent over the deed to transfer the Clark Creek Property to the City. The deed is currently being reviewed by Doug Hall, the county attorney. Doug has also worked on the MOU to present to the City for the Resource Education Coordinator to have access to the property for programs.
- ii. Daniel informed the Board that the Penninger deed has been signed and been sent back to the owners' attorney to be signed. The donation of 5,000 dollars has been received and Vicky Porter wants the money to go hosting a workshop to prevent farmland loss.
- iii. Daniel reminded the Board that the NCASWCD Annual meeting is in January and that early registration closes December 12. Jeff Goforth stated he plans to attend. Daniel also reminded the Board of the NACD meeting in February in San Antonio. Jeff Goforth stated he has already bought his plane tickets and just needs to register for the conference.

d. StRAP Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the StRAP report. Daniel informed the Board that the paperwork is complete for StRAP and the remaining amount is not enough to start a new project.

e. Division Funds Report

- i. Chuckie Bass gave the division funds report. Chuckie informed the Board that Jason Walker's heavy use area is completed, and the RFP has been signed and submitted to the division.
- ii. Chuckie informed the Board that he is waiting for approval from the commission for a supplement contract for Mitch Haigler.
- iii. Chuckie informed the Board that Aaron Cook has 2 of 3 HUA pads poured.
- iv. Chuckie informed the Board that Jennifer Aldridge has started the fence part of the stream exclusion project.

f. Conservation Easement Report

- i. Amy Cook gave the conservation easement report. Amy reminded the Board that the two conservation easement applications for Wilburn Family Farms are funded through the state ADFP and federal NRCS-ALE. Amy reminded the Board that the Agricultural Growth Zone application was partially funded. Amy is waiting for the contracts for all of the conservation easement applications that have been funded.
- ii. Amy informed the Board that the survey for the Sam Davis easement is complete and has been sent to the state for review.

8. New Business

- a. Abby Weinshenker presented the 2026 dates to the Board. After discussion, the Board chose to accept the dates, but to cancel January and July, and the Board can have a call meeting if the need to arise.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Mitch Haigler, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the 2026 meeting dates.
- b. Chuckie Bass discussed the application 13-2026-003 for an Exclusion Supplement.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve the application.
- c. Chuckie Bass presented the contract 13-2026-003 to the Board.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve the application.
- d. Chuckie Bass presented the Conservation Plan 13-2026-003 to the Board.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve the application.

9. Public Comment

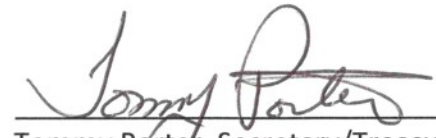
- a. No public comments.

10. Adjourn

- a. UPON MOTION of Mitch Haigler, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer