CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Tuesday September 1, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
715 Cabarrus Ave W, Concord, NC 28027
Supervisors in attendance: Vicky Porter,
Tommy Porter, Eddie Moose, Mitch Haigler, Jeff Goforth
Others in attendance: Daniel McClellan, Chuckie Bass, Abby Weinshenker, Amy Cook, Angelina Soto, Rick McSwain, Commissioner Laura Lindsey

1. Call to Order
    a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:27 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 Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously by the Board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
6. Approval or Correction of August 4, 2026, Minutes
    a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously the Board moved to approve the minutes of the August 4 meeting as written.
7. Information Items
    a. Partner Report
        i. Rick McSwain gave the partner report for the Division of Soil and Water. Rick informed the Board that there will be a commission meeting on September 16, and that the work session will be held on September 8.

1. Rick informed the Board and the District that an email went out from Patrick Baker about cost share committee policies.
2. Rick informed the Board that Tim Baumgartner is the new Director of the Division.
3. Rick reviewed with the Bard which committees they are on and if they wish to continue with their roles.

ii. Angelina Soto introduced herself to the Board and provided the NRCS partner update. Angelina informed the Board that FSA compliance reviews were recently held and that there were four in Cabarrus County.
   1. Angelina informed the Board that there are 2 CSP contracts with 76.1 acres of forestland in the county.

b. Education Report
   i. Abby Weinshenker gave the education report. Abby informed the Board that Creek Week will be in three weeks, from September 25 to October 3 with various activities.
      1. Abby informed the Board that she is currently working on a few professional development workshops for teachers. One workshop will be to help teachers learn to be comfortable teaching outdoors at the end of September. The other workshop will be in February, and teachers will be able to take a tour of nearby Vulcan Quarry.
      2. Abby informed the Board that school programs are becoming more frequent with school back in session.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report
   i. Daniel McClellan gave the supervisor's communications report. Daniel informed the Board that the District will be training in Greensboro for CET on October 5-8, which is during the October meeting.
   ii. Daniel informed the Board that the District issues meeting was held in Davie County on August 27, and three Supervisors attended: Mitch Haigler, Vicky Porter, and Jeff Goforth.
   iii. Daniel informed the Board that the Area VIII Fall Meeting will be held on October 14th in Rowan County. Abby informed the Board they have until September 23 to let her know if they plan to attend so she can complete the paperwork.
   iv. Daniel informed the Board that the Annual Meeting will be held in Greensboro on January 10-12.
   v. Daniel informed the Board that the NACD will be held February 6-10 in Las Vegas. Jeff Goforth stated he wishes to attend, and the rest of the Board did not disagree.

d. StRAP
    i. Daniel McClellan gave the StRAP report. He informed the Board that the District has not heard of further funding. Daniel held general discussion with Commissioner Laura Lindsey about the residents that experiences recurring flooding on Stallings Road in Harrisburg. Commissioner Lindsey said she is familiar with the area.
e. Division Funds Report
    i. Chuckie Bass gave the division funds report. Chuckie informed the Board that Sutter and Eudy are waiting to hear back from cultural resources.
    ii. Chuckie informed the Board that he will be applying for a supplement for a contract from fiscal year 2026, and that fiscal year 2025 is complete.
f. Conservation Easement Report
    i. Amy Cook gave the conservation easement report. Amy informed the Board that the Wilburn Williams Family Farms easements are underway. The initial survey has been completed and is waiting for review from the state.
    ii. Amy informed the Board that the Sam Davis easement is in process of appraisal.
    iii. Amy informed the Board that the District received funding from the state for the Earnhardt easement and the contracts are complete. The next step is to have a survey completed.
    iv. Amy informed the Board that the District received state and federal funds for the Helms easement and is now waiting for the contract to be completed. Amy will be presenting the contract, as well as the cost of services grant, to the Commissioners at the next work session.
    v. Amy informed the Board that the District will be applying for another round of Agricultural Growth Zone Funds this fall.

8. New Business
    a. Abby informed the Board that the reappointment paperwork for Mitch Haigler needs to be completed. Abby read through the questions on the Board while the Board answered the questions. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously by the Board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.
        i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve Mitch Haigler's reappointment to the Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District Board.

b. Abby discussed with the Board that the October meeting is scheduled during CET this year.
    i. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to cancel October's meeting with the option of a call meeting if needed.
c. Chuckie Bass presented the application for 13-2027-001, which is a supplement to complete a project from fiscal year 2026.
    i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the application for 13-2027-001.
d. Chuckie Bass presented the contract for 13-2027-001.
    i. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the contract for 13-2027-001.
e. Abby presented two resolutions from the District issues meeting. Rick McSwain held general discussion explaining the two resolutions.
    i. The first resolution was the Resolution for Adding Technical District Staff and Supervisors to Division Cost Share Assistance Oversite Committee. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Jeff Goforth, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to reject the resolution due to not having enough information provided.
    ii. The second resolution was Resolution to Create a Comprehensive Review Committee of the North Carolina Soil and Water Commission. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Eddie Moose, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to reject the resolution due to not having enough information provided.
f. Abby presented the Division Biochar Survey. Rick McSwain held general discussion with the Board. Abby worked with the Board to fill out the survey.

9. Public Comment
    No public comments.
10. Adjourn
    a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously, the board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Vicky Porter, Chairperson

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer