

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday October 2nd, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Government Center Multi-purpose room

Board Members in attendance: Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter, Jeff Goforth, Louis Suther, Ned Hudson

Others in attendance: Kelly Sifford (Department Head), Daniel McClellan (staff), Clint Brooks (staff), Tammi Remsburg (staff), Lynn Shue (Board of Commissioner Liaison), Rich Koch (county attorney), Cindy Koch (guest), Ralston James (NCDA&CS Regional Coordinator)

(1) Call to Order

Chairperson Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter and carried unanimously, the Board approved the meeting agenda, with the correction of the date of the last meeting under item 3.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for September 4th Meeting

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the September 4th meeting without correction.

(4) Informational Items

Vicky Porter asked to move agenda item #5.1 to this part of the meeting due to a presentation by County Attorney, Rich Koch. Notes below.

4.1 Division Funds Report

Clint Brooks reported that the state engineer and the no-rise study contractor are working to get the Almond Project (13-2017-007) ready.

Eddie Moose project (13-2017-003) designs are complete and the contract has been submitted to the state.

Contract 13-2019-801 the producer (M. Harkey) wants to give up funding due to not being able to get enough funds this fiscal year to put in the well and the electrical or solar panel to run it. He wants to

do the job this year. The Board agreed through discussion to go to the next person on the list to give the AGWRAP contract to them.

4.2 Education/Communications Report

Tammi Remsburg highlighted items in the staff notes. Reminder of Area 8 Meeting next week. Ned and possibly Vicky will be attending. NCASWCD/NCDDEA raffle tickets: \$10 for a possible return of \$500, \$750 or \$1500 Bass Pro/Cabelas gift cards. NACD conference-we are reaching deadline for early registration. Ralston suggested that a reservation can be made and then changed later to the correct supervisor.

4.3 Conservation Easement Report

Daniel McClellan stated that he is serving on the strategic planning committee for the NC Division, NC NRCS, NC Association, and NC Foundation--- representing the NC District Employees Association.

The deed has been signed and sent to Rich Koch's office to finalize the conversion of Suther Prairie from the County to the State.

Mike Barrier's easement has been accepted into the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program. Survey and Environmental Assessment are the next steps.

The Oliver Hill Easement was approved by the County Commissioners. A federal application will be forthcoming.

(5) New Business

5.1 Glen Peninger Property

Daniel McClellan introduced Rich Koch, county attorney to discuss the property in question. Rich explained that the property was willed to the Land Trust of Central NC (Three Rivers LT) about 5 years ago. The Land Trust passed it to CSWCD due to the property not being large enough for their criteria of acceptance. His sister, Frances Burford and her 3 children were arguing over the property and whether to honor the conservation easement created in Mr. Peninger's will back in 2014. A specific conservation easement was written up and presented to Mrs. Burford and she refused to sign it. The CSWCD Board at the time decided to sit on it until the family showed cohesiveness on what to do. It has come back up due to the

family hiring a logger who checked the deed and saw the Forestry Plan on the property. One of the heirs contacted Rich to offer \$10,000 to release the easement on the property. The Board discussed this issue in detail. UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to have Rich Koch contact the heirs and refuse the offer of \$10,000, with the understanding that the CSWCD Board is open for discussion of how to come to terms with a formal easement on all or part of the property.

5.2 Plan of Work

Daniel McClellan presented the PY 2019 Plan of Work to the Board. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the PY 2019 Plan of Work.

5.3 Master Agreement

Daniel McClellan presented the master agreement to be signed by the chair.

5.4 Matching Funds

Daniel McClellan explained that the matching funds are used for ½ of his salary and district activities, such as the stewardship banquet.

5.5 Food, Land and People Month

Tammi Remsburg explained that October is Food, Land and People Month in the Division and that they request \$100 from each district to help cover the cost of each teacher's book. She also explained that FLP is the only environmental education curriculum still being offered at no cost to the educators that attend. Ralston James also added that the FLP curriculum is the only one focused on soil and water conservation topics. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to send the \$100 donation to the Division to support the Food, Land and People curriculum.

5.6 Liaison between the Association and the Board

Tammi Remsburg explained that the Association would like to have a legislative contact person in each District Board. UPON MOTION by Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to have Tammi send Vicky Porter's contact information as liaison to the Association.

(6) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Louis Suther, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Vicky Porter

Vicky Porter, Chairman

Tommy Porter

Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer