

CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday April 7, 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 Weinschenker,
Amy Cook, Rick McSwain**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Vicky Porter started the meeting at 5:33 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. Chuckie Bass informed the Board that the application and contract in 5.4 and 5.5 for new business were not ready.
 - b. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the agenda for the meeting with the amendment.
6. Approval or Correction of March 3, 2026, Minutes
 - a. UPON MOTION of Tommy Porter, seconded by Mitch Haigler, and carried unanimously the board moved to approve the minutes of the March 3 meeting as written.
7. Information Items
 - a. Partner Report
 - i. Rick McSwain gave the partner report. Rick informed the Board that the next Commission meeting will be held in Rowan County on April 19 with a tour of High Rock Lake Dam afterwards.

- ii. Rick reminded the District and Board of upcoming cost share due dates.
- iii. Rick informed the Board that the Southeastern NACD will take place August 9-12 at Cherokee.
- iv. Rick informed the Board that the Association sent out an email survey from NRCS regarding partnerships and how Districts work with NRCS.
- v. He also stated that the Division sent out an email survey about the update meeting as well.

b. Education Report

- i. Aby Weinschenker gave the education report. Abby informed the Board that the Southern Piedmont Envirothon was held on March 17 and 18 at Dan Ncholas Park. The District has no teams that made it to the state level of the competition.
- ii. Abby informed the Board that she cofacilitated a Project Wet workshop on March 25 in Randolph County with the Association Educator. She said it was the educator's first time hosting the workshop and agreed to cofacilitate it.
- iii. Abby informed the Board that she has been busy with water quality programs for eighth grade classrooms. She said that with how the new school standards have changed, a lot of schools do not have the proper supplies, and she has been assisting with the lessons to help with state testing.
- iv. Abby asked the Board if they wanted hats to represent the District. Everyone but Vicky said yes
- v. Abby informed the Board that the State Envirothon will be held on April 24 and 25 and still needs volunteers.
- vi. Abby informed the Board that the District had 14 contest winners at the Area level and 11 that will move onto the state level of the competition.
- vii. Abby informed the Board that the awards banquet will be held on May 6th, and she asked Vicky if she will be the MC during the ceremony, oh which Vicky agreed to do.

c. Supervisor's Communications Report

- i. Daniel McClellan gave the supervisor's communications report. Daniel informed the Board that the Rowan FSA office has now merged with the Cabarrus FSA office in our building.
- ii. Daniel asked the Board if they have spoken with the county commissioners about the back tax fund and its use for land preservation. Vicky said that she spoke with Laura Lindsey, who stated she would inform Ian Patrick about the use for the back tax fund.

- iii. Daniel informed the Board that the MOU with the City of Concord for the Clarke Creek conservation easement has been approved by the City Council. He stated that Abby had ensured that the Certificate of Insurance was provided to the City.
 - iv. Daniel informed the Board that the District is hosting a pond clinic workshop on April 18 at Roberts Farm and to see the workshop flyer for details.
 - v. Daniel reminded the Board that filing to run for Soil and Water Supervisor sign up is from June 8 – July 3 for Cabarrus County and that appointment needs to be submitted by October 30.
- d. StRAP
- i. Daniel McClellan gave the StRAP report. Daniel informed the Board that he received questions from Matt Safford about a StRAP application for Mallard Creek in Cabarrus County. The application was submitted by a nonprofit not from the county and has not worked with the District. The Division had reached out to the District to fly a drone over the area and found out that the District has no involvement in the application. The District had wanted to request funding for a different site on Stallings Road, where several residents are affected by flooding.
- e. Division Funds Report
- i. Chuckie Bass gave the division funds report. Chuckie stated that projects are moving along. He informed the Board that Mitch Haigler's HUA has been graded out, Jason Walker's well has been drilled and needs a concrete pad, and Scott Helm's AGWRAP well is drilled but waiting for pump installation. Chuckie also informed the Board that Richard Suggs has made significant progress on his project and Sutter is waiting to hear back from Cultural Resources. Chuckie also informed the Board that Tommy Porter has his fence built and needs power for the well.
- f. Conservation Easements Report
- i. Amy Cook gave the conservation easements report. Amy informed the Board that the Wilburn Family Farms easements are underway, and that the landowners have signed with a land surveyor, which will start in two weeks.
 - ii. Amy informed the Board that the Sam Davis easement has heard back from the state regarding the survey and is now waiting to hear back from NRCS review.
 - iii. Amy informed the Board the Agricultural Growth Zones have been funded and the top two are Rick Earnhardt and Steve Earnhardt. The District is waiting for perk tests to determine where the homesite will be.

- iv. Amy informed the Board that the District has had federal and state site visits for the Helms application, and the District is waiting to hear back about funding.
- v. Amy informed the Board that the District will be conducting annual monitoring visits for the agricultural easements in April 15 and asked if a Supervisor would like to join. Eddie Moose agreed to participate.

8. New Business

- a. Chuckie Bass informed the Board that spot checks have been completed for the District and that Mitch Haigler joined. He stated that all spot checks are in compliance.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the spot checks.
- b. Chuckie Bass presented the application 13-2026-006 for a stream exclusion for cattle and well.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Mitch Haigler, seconded by Tommy Porter, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve the application.
- c. Chuckie Bass presented the contract for 13-2026-006 for a stream exclusion for cattle and well.
 - i. UPON MOTION of Eddie Moose, seconded by Tommy Porter, 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 6:13 p.m.



Vicky Porter, Chairperson



Tommy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer