

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, October 8, 2013

Supervisors Present: Robert Brown, Ned Hudson, Vicky Porter and Louis Suther

Staff Present: Dennis Testerman, Sarah Piper and Daniel McClellan

Others Present: Larry Burrage, Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners Liaison, Jason Oesterreich, Cabarrus County Commissioner

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Porter at 5:25 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as submitted.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the September 3rd and 20th, 2013 meetings.

(4) Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board approved the Consent Agenda:

(4-A) Staff/Partner Report

The highlights of our partner-staff report for September include the following: Sarah Piper joined the District staff on September 27 as our Resource Conservation Coordinator; Ned Hudson will be honored as the NC Conservation District Employees Association District Board Member of the Year; all District staff participated in the annual Conservation Employee Training event at Kill Devil Hills; and the District display at the county fair had a historical theme in conjunction with the District's yearlong 50th anniversary celebration.

(4-B) Conservation Plans

None

(4-C) Application/Contracts/Requests for Payments - Conservation Cost-Share Programs

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Applications/Contracts/Requests for Payment:

- Application - Roland McGlamery; #13-2014-001; livestock exclusion, watering tanks, fencing
- Request for Payment - Mitchell Haigler; #13-2012-10-16 and #13-2013-01-16; well and fencing; \$6657.00

(5) Unfinished Business

None

(6) New Business

(6-A) Discussion of Conservation Easements

Vicky Porter, Tommy Porter and Dennis Testerman explained what a conservation easement is and the process Cabarrus SWCD uses in selecting farm land for inclusion in applications for grants to fund conservation easements. There was general discussion about matching local funds for conservation easements.

(7) Board Reports

(7-A) North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

All board and staff members will be attending the Area VIII Fall Meeting on October 9, 2013.

(7-B) NC Foundation of Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Vicky Porter, Chairwoman of the Commission, updated the board on the commissions' involvement in the Conservation Employee Training, AgWRAP, and dealing with conservation easement violations.

(7-C) First Quarter Budget Report

Sarah Piper presented the First Quarter Budget Report. Individual line item balances will increase when \$4500 in funds donated for the 50th Anniversary Banquet is credited.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.



Jeff Goforth, Chairman



Ned Hudson, Secretary/Treasurer