

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Supervisors Present: Jeff Goforth, Ned Hudson, Louis Suther and Vicky Porter

Staff Present: Amy Griffith, Daniel McClellan and Dennis Testerman

Others Present: Ralston James, Division of Soil & Water Conservation; Len Witke, Executive Director for Facilities and Operations for Cabarrus County Schools; Tommy Porter Jr., Associate Supervisor

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Goforth at 5:15 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as amended, with the following changes: remove vehicle portion of SWCD Policies on Item 4-D, move Porter Farms Request for Payment from Consent to New Business Item 6-D, add Resolution of Appreciation to Sun Drop Item 6-E.

(3) Approval of Minutes

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Vicky Porter and unanimously carried, the board approved the October 4, 2011 minutes.

(4) Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Vicky Porter and unanimously carried, the board approved the Consent Agenda.

(4-A) Staff Reports

(4-B) 2012 SWCD Meeting Dates

(4-C) Requests for Payment

1. L. Brown Stough, #13-12-03-16, 5-yr Sod-based Rotation, \$910.00 CS
2. Gene Divine, #13-09-901-16, SWCD Staff Labor, Livestock Exclusion/Watering System, \$2,550.00

(4-D) SWCD Policies and Procedures on Schedules, Office Hours, Adding Items and Inviting Speakers to Board Meetings

(4-E) Assignment of Conservation Agreement Transferring Conservation Easement on Airport Property from County to Cabarrus SWCD

(5) Unfinished Business

(5-A) CCAP Contracts with Cabarrus County Schools

Len Witke, Cabarrus County Schools, gave a brief report on the CCAP projects at various Cabarrus County school campuses.

(5-B) Offer of Floodplain Donation on Rocky River

There was a discussion among the group regarding the floodplain donation on Rocky River to the District, specifically taxes and future development.

By consensus, the board is open to accepting the offer of the floodplain donation pending further information and stipulations.

(6) New Business

(6-A) Approval of Contract with NCDA&CS for Purchase of Conservation Easement on Porter Farm with \$175,000 Grant

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson, with Vicky Porter abstaining, the Board approved the Contract with NCDA&CS for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Porter Farm with \$175,000 in grant funds.

(6-B) Approval of CIP Projects for FY2013 Budget

Dennis Testerman stated the 11 CIP projects submitted last year will be resubmitted this year.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board approved the submittal of the 11 CIP Projects for the FY2013 budget.

(6-C) Holiday Luncheon

Staff and Board decided to have lunch catered again and eat inside the office. Several dates will be suggested and Vicky Porter will look into R&R Barbeque again as supplier.

(6-D) Request for Payment: Porter Farms Inc., #13-11-03-16, Cropland Conversion to Grass, \$2,925.00 II

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson, with Vicky Porter abstaining, the Board approved the Porter Farms Inc. Request for Payment.

(6-E) Resolution of Appreciation for SunDrop Support of Big Sweep in Cabarrus County

A certificate will be presented to John King and SunDrop for their continued support of Big Sweep.

(7) Reports

(7-A) NCDSWC Report

Ralston James reported on the following: potential NASCAR green initiative project; he and Craig Frazier will possibly attend a NASCAR conference in Florida to discuss District's involvement; ag-wrap issue; he reminded everyone of the annual meeting in January.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Vicky Porter and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Jeff Goforth, Chairman

Ned Hudson, Secretary-Treasurer