

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY January 12th, 2016

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

Staff Present: Dennis Testerman, Erin Lineberger and Daniel McClellan

Others Present: Kelly Sifford, Department Head; Chris Childers, NRCS Partner

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jeff Goforth at 5:30 P.M.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for December 1st, 2015 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the December 1st, 2015 meeting.

(4) Informational Items

(4-A) Board, Staff and Partner Reports

(4-A-i) Report from Annual Meeting

Ned Hudson and Louis Suther reported that the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD) Annual Meeting was one of the best Annual Meetings they had attended, and commented on the quality of the speakers. They also reported that the NCASWCD had a new Director. Erin, Ned, Louis, and Daniel reported from the Committee meetings and the NCASWCD Business meeting. Erin reported that Dennis Testerman had been awarded a length of service award for his 25 years, and Daniel McClellan had received the Outstanding Technical

Employee of the Year award as well as his DEA Master's level I and II.

(4-A-ii) Newcomer Property

Erin reported to the Board that negotiations with Mr. Newcomer regarding the purchase of his property adjacent to the Conservation Field School at Clarke Creek have been set aside for the time being. Mr. Newcomer communicated through Mr. Heath that an appraisal would not change his selling price. Other options to improve access are being considered by District Staff.

(4-A-iii) Update on Annual Conservation Contests

Erin reported to the Board on the upcoming Poster, Computer Designed Slideshow, and Computer Designed Poster contests. First place winners in the Cabarrus soil and Water Conservation District 25th Annual Essay Contest and 47th Annual Public Speaking Contest were reported to the Board in the form of a Bi-weekly Update. Winners were:

- o Grace Conner, C.C. Griffin Middle School, 6th Grade Essay Contest
- o Gavin Moose, Mount Pleasant Middle School, 7th Grade Public Speaking Contest
- o Ray Beaver, Concord Middle School, 8th Grade Public Speaking Contest

(5) New Business

(5-A) Peach Orchard Estates Subdivision Conservation Easement Monitoring

Daniel reported to the Board that the Peach Orchard Estates Subdivision Conservation Easement violations had been partially addressed. Kelly will follow up with the process to see what steps need to be done to get the violations entirely addressed.

(6) New Business

(6-A) North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program (NCACSP)

(5-A-i) Applications

(5-A-i-a) Curtis Upright; #13-2016-005; Stock Trail

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve Application #13-2016-005.

(6-B) Conservation Easement: Dan Barrier Agricultural Conservation Easement Deed

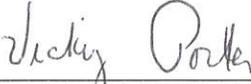
Dennis Testerman reported to the Board on the status of the Dan Barrier Conservation Easement.

(6-C) Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant Application-Suther Wet Prarie

Dennis informed the Board that District Staff will reapply for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant as well as investigate other funding options to apply for as match for the Suther Wet Prarie.

(7) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.



Vicky Porter, Chairman



Robert Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

