

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY December 1st, 2015

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

Staff Present: Erin Lineberger and Daniel McClellan

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

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicky Porter at 5:33 P.M.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as revised.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for August 4, 2015 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the November 3rd, 2015 meeting.

(4) Informational Items

(4-A) Board, Staff and Partner Reports

Erin suggested to the Board that Weekly Updates become Bi-weekly Updates. The Board agreed to a bi-weekly schedule when important information needs to be shared.

(4-A-i) Barrier Conservation Easement

Kelly reported to the Board that the Barrier Conservation Easement closing date of December 4th would not be reached, but that a significant amount of forward movement had been made towards closing. Closing is expected in January. Kelly additionally reported that she had been contacted by David Welch regarding a Farmland Preservation grant for Suther Prarie, and had given him permission to write and submit the grant on our behalf, improving Suther Prarie prospects

for the CWMTF grant. Finally, Kelly updated the Board that the Peach Orchard Estate Conservation Easement violations had been addressed by the Grantee and would be field verified by Daniel.

(4-A-ii) Capital Improvement Projects

Kelly informed the Board that Capital Improvement Projects have been submitted on behalf of the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District. Our top priority project is the acquiring of the Newcomer property bordering our Conservation Field School, and the development of infrastructure on that property for student field trips.

(4-A-iii) Recommendations on a Seed Drill Policy

Daniel updated the Board on the revenues and expenses to date pertaining to the Seed Drill account. He also provided a draft of a new Seed Drill Policy which would restrict use of the drill to Cabarrus and adjacent counties. The Board commented that additional changes could be made to the policy, such as adding a restriction on the speed at which the drill could be pulled as well as a statement that only allowed farmers to rent the drill for one weekend at a time.

(4-A-iv) Cox Mill School Update

Erin updated the Board that the violations of the CCAP contracts on the campus of Cox Mill Elementary School had been addressed by the CCS grounds management. The County is collaborating with CCS to discuss plans for addressing the pipe which violates the Conservation Easement on that same campus. CSWCD Staff sent the notification letter regarding this violation earlier this month.

(4-A-v) Storage Building Update

Erin updated the Board that the storage building outside of the CSWCD offices would be removed and not replaced due to potential future plans for the same site. CSWCD Staff will consolidate materials currently stored in the building and move most of it to off-site storage. Frequently used materials will be stored in the office.

(4-A-vi) Conservation Contests

Erin reminded the Board that our Annual Essay and Public Speaking Contest will be held on December 7th at 7 pm. Jeff volunteered to MC for the event, and Louis and Ned volunteered to help in whatever way was needed.

(4-A-vii) Holiday Luncheon

Erin informed the Board that the annual CSWCD Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 16th at noon.

(5) New Business

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

(5-A-i) Contracts

(5-A-i-a) JLP Holding LLC; #13-2016-004; Livestock Watering System & Fencing, well \$35,648 CS \$13,070 II

Daniel informed the Board that the contract for a livestock watering system, fencing, and a well was being considered for JLP Holding LLC.

(5-A-i-b) Roberts Big Oak Farm; #13-2016-002; Stock Trail; \$3,830 CS

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve Contract #13-2016-002.

(5-B) AgWRAP

(5-B-i) Contract

(5-B-i-a) Barrier Dairy Farm; #13-2016-801; well; \$5,000

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the Board moved to approve Contract #13-10-502-16.

(5-C) Quarterly Budget Report

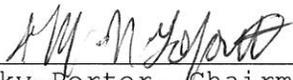
Erin informed that Board that our accounts still have money left in them. There was discussion regarding the District Activities Account, which provides funds for the annual Stewardship Banquet. Kelly and Erin will investigate the possibility of finding a larger venue for the banquet this year.

(5-D) Adoption of a 2016 Meeting Schedule

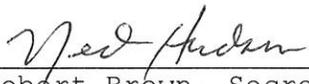
UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Jeff Goforth and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2016 Meeting Schedule as written.

(6) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Jeff Goforth and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



Vicky Porter, Chairman
Jeff Goforth



Robert Brown, Secretary/Treasurer