

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

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

Staff Present: Dennis Testerman, Daniel McClellan and Amy Griffith

Others Present: Chris Childers, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Goforth at 5:18 p.m. Newly-elected member Robert Brown was welcomed.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda, with the addition of Items 7-B Designate Signature Authority for United States Department of Agriculture Program Contracts, 7-C Authorize Establishment of United States Department of Agriculture Database Records for District Real Estate and 7-D FY 2014 CIP Budget Requests.

(3) Election of Officers

Election of officers was held and the following board members were nominated as officers: Ned Hudson nominated Jeff Goforth, Chairman; Jeff Goforth nominated Vicky Porter, Vice-Chairman; and Louis Suther nominated Ned Hudson, Secretary/Treasurer. All officers were approved.

(4) Approval or Correction of Minutes

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the November 6, 2012 regular meeting.

(5) Consent Agenda

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

(5-A) Staff/Partner Report

(5-B) Conservation Agreements

- Mitchell Hill

(6) Unfinished Business

(6-A) Mogensen Mitigation Agreement

The Board reviewed the agreement, with changes made by Mr. Mogensen. There was a general discussion among the board and no changes or additions were made to the submitted agreement. The board also discussed the role of Dennis Testerman as designated representative on this agreement.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the board adopted the Mogensen Mitigation Agreement and the role of Dennis Testerman as designated representative on this agreement.

(6-B) County Ag. Development & Farmland Preservation Fund

There was a renewed discussion among the group regarding designation of a portion of these monies for farmland preservation since these monies come from rollback taxes paid when farmland is removed from present use valuation. The District is back at the starting point in using these funds. A face-to-face meeting of the District board was suggested to discuss the usage of the funds, followed by a letter to the Board of Commissioners. Staff suggested a called meeting later this month to discuss this item further.

(7) New Business

(7-A) 2013 Meeting Schedule and January 2013 Meeting

Staff and Board reviewed the 2013 potential meeting schedule. It was decided to cancel the January 2013 meeting due to the New Year's holiday and the January Annual Meeting conflicts. A called meeting may be held as needed to discuss the FY2014 budget proposal and other matters.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the board approved the 2013 meeting schedule.

(7-B) Designate Signature Authority for United States Department of Agriculture Program Contracts

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the officers were designated as the Signature Authority for USDA program contracts.

(7-C) Authorize Establishment of United States Department of Agriculture Database Records for District Real Estate

Forms with board members addresses were filled out to be submitted to the USDA Farm Service Agency. The forms are for the District's Clarke Creek Heron Rookery Significant Natural Heritage Area property and the Rocky River floodplain property off Derita Road.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board approved the submittal of the Database Records for District Real Estate form to the USDA Farm Service Agency.

(7-D) FY 2014 CIP Budget Requests

Capital Improvement Plan project requests will be renewed in the District FY2014 proposed budget, with the addition of requests for a kudzu eradication project and a wetland mitigation project at Jay M Robinson High School.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the board approved the submittal of the FY2014 CIP budget requests.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Jeff Goforth, Chairman

Ned Hudson, Secretary/Treasurer