

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010

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

Staff Present: Amy Griffith, Daniel McClellan and Dennis Testerman

Others Present: Tommy Porter, Jr., Associate Member and Bob Ritchie

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Goforth at 6:30 p.m.

(2) Election of Officers

Jeff Goforth opened the discussion for nominations:

Johnathon Johnson nominated Jeff Goforth for chairman. Upon motion of Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the nomination of Jeff Goforth for chairman.

Ned Hudson nominated Louis Suther for vice-chairman. Upon motion of Jeff Goforth and unanimously carried, the board approved the nomination of Louis Suther for vice-chairman.

Johnathon Johnson nominated Vicky Porter for secretary-treasurer. Louis Suther nominated Ned Hudson for secretary-treasurer. Upon Motion of Jeff Goforth and unanimously carried, the board approved the nomination of Ned Hudson for secretary-treasurer.

(3) Approval of Agenda

The following items were added/changed on the Agenda:

- Item 5-D - CCAP contract for Justin Field added
- Item 6-A - Strategic Plan goals removed
- Item 7-D - Associate Supervisor nomination added
- Item 7-E - Discussion of Christmas luncheon added
- Item 8-B - Community conservation discussion added

UPON MOTION of Johnathon Johnson, seconded by Vicky Porter and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as amended.

(4) Approval of Minutes

UPON MOTION of Johnathon Johnson, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the November 2, 2010 minutes.

(5) Consent Agenda

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

(5-A) Staff Reports

(5-B) CCAP Contract Approvals (up to maximum amount in approved contract)

- Dennis/Paula Testerman #13-10-501-16, Cistern, \$1,950
- Mt. Pleasant High School #13-10-502-16, Bioretention Area & Associated Practices, \$27,162
- Cox Mill Elementary School #13-10-505-16, Stormwater Wetland, \$4,463

(5-C) Cancellation of NCACSP Application #13-11-02-16, HUAP, Scottie London

(5-D) Denial of CCAP Application - Justin Field

(6) Unfinished Business

(6-A) Strategic Plan Goals

Discussion postponed until next meeting and removed from agenda.

(7) New Business

(7-A & 7-B) Board Procedures/Policies and Job Descriptions

Jeff Goforth stated the procedures/policies and job descriptions need to be worked on further to tailor them to the District. There was a general discussion among the group regarding the procedures/policies and job descriptions. Mr. Goforth suggested that a few board members get together to design the guidelines.

UPON MOTION of Johnathon Johnson, seconded by Vicky Porter and unanimously carried, the board voted to table the discussion until further notice.

(7-C) Tommy Porter Jr. Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Grant Application

Dennis Testerman stated the application is due on December 15, 2010. Staff has been working with the Land Trust of Central North Carolina on the application. The 2008 application information will be placed into the 2010 application for a term easement in the amount of around \$500,000.00. Mr. Testerman stated that historically there has been less competition for funds set aside for term easements. No matching funds will be requested from Cabarrus County.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Johnathon Johnson and unanimously carried, the board authorized staff to complete and submit the ADFPTF application for Tommy Porter Jr. on behalf of the board.

(7-D) Associate Supervisor Nominations

Jeff Goforth solicited a motion to nominate immediate past chairman Bob Ritchie as an associate supervisor.

UPON MOTION of Johnathon Johnson, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board appointed Bob Ritchie as an associate supervisor.

(7-E) Christmas Luncheon

There was a general discussion among the board and staff regarding the annual Christmas luncheon. It was decided the luncheon would be held December 16, 2010 in the District office and food would be catered.

(8) Information/Reports

(8-A) NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission

Vicky Porter stated the Commission met November 9 and 10 and one of the main issues they discussed regarded attendance of board members at state Association meetings. Ms. Porter also stated she has been appointed to an ad-hoc group to come up with guidelines regarding attendance and non-participation from board members. She has also been asked to serve on the Agriculture Cost Share Committee.

(8-B) NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Community Conservation Committee

Bob Ritchie expressed concern that interest in community conservation may be declining. New Hanover District Supervisor Bill Hart will now chair the Community Conservation Committee. Mr. Ritchie will continue to be involved as much as he can with this initiative.

(9) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Vicky Porter, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Jeff Goforth, Chairman

Ned Hudson, Secretary-Treasurer