

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Monday February 8th, 2016

Supervisors Present: Vicky Porter, Robert Brown, Ned Hudson, and Louis Suther

Staff Present: Dennis Testerman, Erin Lineberger and Daniel McClellan

Others Present: Kelly Sifford, Department Head; Chris Childers, NRCS Partner; Tommy Porter, Associate Board Member; Shauntae Britt, NRCS Partner; Grayson Sarif, NRCS Partner

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicky Porter at 5:34 P.M.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown 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 Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the January 12th, 2016 meeting.

(4) Informational Items

(4-A) Board, Staff and Partner Reports

(4-A-i) Report from NACD Annual Meeting

Ned Hudson reported that the NACD Annual Meeting was a good experience overall, and that our national organization seems to be doing well. The two main themes of the Annual Meeting were forestry and soil health. Ned Hudson represented North Carolina on the Education and Stewardship Committee meeting. North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts were recognized for being in the top

ten states for percentage of districts paying membership dues.

(4-A-ii) FY 2015 Budget

Dennis reported to the Board that a position description for a new Natural Resource Specialist has been submitted as part of the preliminary FY 2015 Budget process. Budget preparation will continue through the end of this month.

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

Erin reported to the Board that over 700 students across the county participated in one or more of our Annual Conservation Contest. The 2015-2016 "We All Live in a Watershed" contest winners are as follows:

3rd Grade Poster Contest

1st place- Aubrey Howard, Carolina International School
2nd place- Alexa Poplaski, Jackson Park Elementary School
3rd place- Lauren Laatsch, Carolina International School

4th Grade Poster Contest

1st place- Asmaa Alothman, Carolina International School
2nd place- Bowen Powell, Patriots STEM Elementary School
3rd place- Kate Bynum, R. Brown McAllister Elementary School

5th Grade Poster Contest

1st place- Skylar Couture, Cannon School
2nd place- Leah Morse, Patriots STEM Elementary
3rd place- Leighton Evans, Cannon School

6th Grade Poster Contest

1st place- Rachel Earl, Northwest Cabarrus Middle School
2nd place- Kaylee Wiser, Northwest Cabarrus Middle School
3rd place- Clifton Vandiver, Northwest Cabarrus Middle School

6th Grade Essay Contest

1st place- Grace Conner, CC Griffin Middle School

6th Grade Computer Designed Slideshow Contest

1st place- Paige Starnes, JN Fries Magnet Middle School

7th Grade Public Speaking Contest

1st place- Gavin Moose, Mount Pleasant Middle School

8th Grade Public Speaking Contest

1st place- Ray Beaver, Concord Middle School

2nd place- Sreebhavana Pasumarthi, Carolina International School

(4-A-iv) Cox Mill Development Conservation Easement

Erin reported to the Board that Staff had a meeting with developer MI Homes regarding a site between Cox Mill Road and Rocky River. The site is close in proximity to our other protected areas along the impaired stream corridors in the Upper Rocky River watershed. MI Homes is investigating the possibility of a Conservation Easement or a Wildlife Friendly Development proposed by district staff.

(5) Unfinished Business

(5-A) Conservation Easement- Dan Barrier Conservation Easement Deed

UPON MOTION of Robert Brown, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board voted to approve the Dan Barrier Conservation Easement Deed and accept the Dan Barrier Conservation Easement.

(6) New Business

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

(6-A-i) Contract

(6-A-i-a) JLP Holdings LLC.; #13-2016-004; Livestock exclusion, Well, Tanks \$39,347 CS \$13,070 II

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the Board approved Application #13-2016-004.

(6-B) North Carolina Community Conservation Assistance Program

(6-B-i) Applications

(6-B-i-a) Jeff Goforth; #13-2016-502; Cistern

Let it be noted that Board Member Jeff Goforth was not present during the discussion or voting of this application. UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the Board accepted Application #13-2016-502.

(6-B-ii) Contracts

(6-B-ii-a) Cabarrus County; #13-2016-501; Stormwater Wetland; \$3,985

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the Board accepted Contract #13-2016-501.

(6-B-ii-b) Jeff Goforth; #13-2016-502; Cistern; \$1,633

Let it be noted that Board Member Jeff Goforth was not present during the discussion or voting of this contract. UPON MOTION of Robert Brown, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board approved Contract #13-2016-502.

(7) Closed Session to Discuss Conservation Plans

Upon Motion of Robert Brown, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board entered a closed session due to "Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. One conservation plan was approved.

Upon motion of Robert Brown, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the Board reopened the meeting.

(8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Robert Brown, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.



Vicky Porter, Chairman



Robert Brown, Secretary/Treasurer