

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday March 1st, 2016

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

Staff Present: 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 Chairman Vicky Porter at 5:35 P.M.

(2) Approval of Agenda

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

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes for February 8th, 2016 Meeting

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the February 8th, 2016 meeting.

(4) Informational Items

(4-A) Board, Staff and Partner Reports

(4-A-i) FY 2017 Budget

Daniel McClellan shared the proposed FY 2017 Budget with the Board, as well as the current state of our accounts. Several edits were needed to the FY 2017 Budget, so it was decided that Erin Lineberger would email a revised budget to Vicky Porter and Robert Brown. Staff will also prepare comments for Vicky for the Board of Commissioners budget meeting on March 21st.

(4-A-ii) Spot Check Tours

The Board decided by unanimous vote to conduct spot checks with Daniel McClellan and one or two Board Members, as well as other District Staff, as opposed to the spot check tours that had been conducted in previous years. A separate spot check tour with legislatures and other invitees will be arranged for later in the spring.

(4-A-iii) School of Government Presentation

Erin Lineberger presented a condensed review of materials covered at the UNC School of Government Supervisors' training. The Board requested an annual review, including a District self-assessment and informal two-way evaluations between partners. The Board was also in support of a separate training for new supervisors similar to the review to occur prior to the NCASWCD Annual Meeting or the UNC School of Government training.

(5) Unfinished Business

(5-A) Dan Barrier Agricultural Conservation Easement Deed

Staff informed the Board that the deed for the Dan Barrier agricultural conservation easement had been approved by the State and was clear to move forward towards closing by March 31st.

(6) New Business

(6-A) Right of First Refusal to Purchase Betty Bost Property with Agricultural Conservation Easement

UPON motion of Robert Brown, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the Board voted to waive the right of first refusal for the Betty Bost property, indicating they did not wish to purchase the property.

(6-B) 2016 Stewardship Banquet Partnership Proposal- April 30th

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the Board voted to continue the Stewardship Banquet as in the past as opposed to partnering with the Libraries and Active Living and Parks event. This was due primarily to scheduling conflicts with the North Carolina Envirothon competition. Staff will investigate a larger venue.

(6-C) North Carolina Community Conservation Assistance Program

(6-C-i) Contracts

(6-C-i-a) Joel Nelson; #13-2016-503 supplement to #13-2014-502; Stream Restoration; \$3,984

Daniel McClellan informed the Board that due to a clerical error this contract had been cancelled. Daniel accordingly wrote Joel Nelson a new contract, #13-2016-503, for \$6,667 for Stream Restoration.

UPON motion of Jeff Goforth, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the Board voted to approve the application for Joel Nelson.

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(7) Closed Session to Discuss Confidential Personnel Matters

UPON MOTION of Jeff Goforth seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the Board entered into Closed Session at 7:35 P.M.



Vicky Porter, Chairman



Robert Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

