

**MINUTES**  
**CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

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

Staff Present: Daniel McClellan and Dennis Testerman

Others Present: Lynn Shue, Liaison, Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners; Kelly Sifford, Cabarrus County Planning and Development Department Director; and Ralston James, Central Regional Coordinator & Team Leader, NCDACS Division Soil & Water Conservation

**(1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Porter at 5:30 P.M.

**(2) Approval of Agenda**

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as revised. Vicky Porter stated that she would recuse herself from the discussion and vote on Item 6.A.i, Request for Payment to Porter Farms.

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

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting.

**(4) Informational Items**

**(4-A) Board, Staff and Partner Reports**

The state Soil and Water Conservation Commission voted to approve the Cabarrus County Schools CCAP contract extension request at their Aug 11 meeting. This critical area seeding contract at Cox Mill Elementary School must be completed by June 2016.

Erin Lineberger is the new Resource Conservation Coordinator. She has a background in agriculture, 4-H, FFA and Girl Scouts. Erin participated in nearly every conservation education opportunity offered to her since the poster contest in

elementary school. Erin was a member of the North Carolina team that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 2009 North American Envirothon held at UNC Asheville. Envirothon was a defining experience in Erin's career preparation. She has a bachelor's degree from NC State in Natural Resources and has finished her course work for a master's degree at Montreat University in Environmental Education. Erin is a Certified Environment Educator with over a year of experience in environmental education and outdoor leadership. Her calling and passion as an environmental educator is focused giving back to students. Erin's first day will be Monday, September 14, and in her first week on the job she will be joining Dennis in leading a workshop at a national conference.

## **(5) Unfinished Business**

### **(5-A) Partners for Green Growth Pilot Project Grant**

The preliminary application for a \$10,000 Partners for Green Growth Pilot Project \$10,000 grant from the state Wildlife Resources Commission was approved. The full applications is due by September 10.

## **(6) New Business**

### **(6-A) North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program**

**(6-A-i)** Application; Lewis Cress; #13-16-001; stream crossing tanks and livestock exclusion

Daniel presented an application for a stream crossing with livestock exclusion on Lewis Cress's farm.

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the board approved the application for a stream crossing with livestock exclusion on Lewis Cress's farm.

**(6-A-ii)** Application; Big Oak Farm; #13-16-002; dry stack and stock trail

Daniel presented a contract packet for a dry stack and stock trail on the Roberts family's Big Oak Farm.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the board approved the application for

for a dry stack and stock trail on the Roberts family's Big Oak Farm.

(6-A-iii) Application; #13-16-003; Porter Farms Inc.; livestock exclusion, tanks, well

Daniel presented an application for livestock exclusion, watering tanks and a well on Porter Farms, Inc.

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the application for livestock exclusion, watering tanks and a well on Porter Farms, Inc.

(6-A-iv) Request for Payment; #13-2015-003; Porter Farms Inc.; dry stack; \$36,855.00

Daniel presented a request for payment for a dry stack on Porter Farms Inc.

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, with Vicky Porter not voting, the board approved the request for payment for a dry stack on Porter Farms Inc.

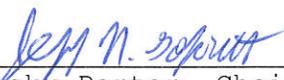
#### (7) Closed Session to Discuss Conservation Plans

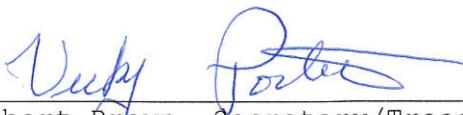
UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board entered into closed session to review and approve 2 conservation plans due to "Legally Confidential Information" based on the requirements of the Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008."

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board re-entered open session.

#### (8) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

  
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Vicky Porter, Chairman  
Vice-Chairman

  
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Robert Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

