



## Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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### MINUTES

**October 16, 2023**

**Conference Room – 129 E. Third**

**The meeting was also held via ZOOM for others to attend.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Barraza, Carrie Hollifield, John Sisk, Doug Whitney & Jerry Vaz in person. Hoby Bonham via zoom.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cody Munson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Pierce, Katie Goetz (NMDA), Drew Garnett (NMSU CES), Ty Carter (BLM) & Jimmy Spears in person, Raquel Chacon (NRCS) and Joel Saenz-Lopez via zoom.

Joe called the meeting to order at 10:12 am, opening with a prayer.

Carrie made a motion to approve the Agenda, Minutes and Treasurer's report (emailed previously), seconded by John, motion passed unanimously.

#### **Reports**

BLM- Working on closing 2023 reports and agreements, as well as obligations and funding.

NMDA- Discussed Healthy Soils grant info and gave a brief overview of that, and went over their monthly report that was sent out. Also discussed possibly doing a supervisor training after the new year here at Chaves SWCD for interested staff and supervisors.

NRCS report was reviewed by Raquel. There have been more staffing changes and there are several positions open. Also discussed the water smart program and upcoming deadlines.

Chaves County Extension Agency advised that there will be a pesticide CEU on November 8<sup>th</sup>, also discussed possibly getting a BAQ class back in this area.

Noxious Weed – Jennifer reviewed the chosen RFP that was selected by a committee. Bullseye Weed Control was represented by Jimmy Spears. Carrie made a motion to approve the decision of Bullseye Weed Control with the RFP for Ground Treatment of Noxious and Invasive Weed Treatment Activities, Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Joe Barraza and Jimmy Spears signed the agreement.

Jennifer also reported that the ENMSF booth was a success and did some outreach the following Monday at Gateway Christian School with the erosion table. SWCD was also asked to attend a career fair at Berrendo Middle School in November.

### **Correspondence**

ACCL Speed Athletics Academy has a student who is interested in Botany and an internship. As of right now the district is not able to have an intern due to staffing but will re address this at a later date.

Beau Bamberg submitted his shade ball update, stating the algae has definitely decreased, but he can not measure the evaporation differences at this time.

NMDOT submitted a notice that signs posted along the highway without prior permission will be taken down.

NMDA is having a pesticide disposal on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at the ENMSF from 8am to 3pm.

NMSU has an online on-demand pesticide applicator training available Oct 9 – Dec 31.

### **Business**

NMSU CES is hosting a pesticide workshop for CEU's on November 8<sup>th</sup>. In the past the Chaves SWCD sponsors coffee, and breakfast. Carrie made a motion to sponsor breakfast again with a limit of \$250.00. Motion seconded by Doug, passed unanimously.

NMVMA is hosting a conference in Ruidoso on November 1-2. Jennifer asked to attend for training and educational purposes. Doug made the motion to allow Jennifer to attend and cover costs associated to such. Jerry seconded the motion, all in favor.

Roswell High School FFA is requesting sponsors for their chapter. Carrie made a motion to make a \$250 sponsorship, seconded by Doug, all in favor.

Early College High School started a brand new FFA chapter! They are seeking sponsors at this time and sent a letter in regards to this. Carrie made the motion to make a \$250 sponsorship, seconded by Doug, all in favor.

Brush Control cost share application for Fox-Crane General Partnership was reviewed. They are wanting to do some treatments on goldenrod, salt cedar and Russian olive. Doug made the motion to approve the cost share 50% up to \$5000, seconded by Jerry, all in favor. The board did request before pictures from the GP.

Cost share application for Whitney Farms LTD was reviewed by the board. Doug briefly advised the board of the needs and location, then excused himself from the conversation. Carrie made a motion to approve the cost share application 50% up to \$7500. John seconded the motion, all in favor (Doug abstained from voting).

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 pm, seconded by Carrie, all in favor.

Submitted By:

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Jennifer Pierce- District Manager