



Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES

November 13, 2023

Conference Room – 129 E. Third

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Sisk, Doug Whitney, Jerry Vaz and Hoby Bonham in person. Carrie Hollifield via zoom.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cody Munson & Joe Barraza

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Pierce, Emily Doss, Katie Mechenbier & Katie Goetz (NMDA), Drew Garnett (NMSU CES) in person. Raquel Chacon (NRCS) via zoom.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 10:15 am, opening with a prayer.

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

Reports

BLM- absent. Working on Monitoring.

NMDA- Discussed previously sent out report highlighting NM Water Dialogue Statewide Meeting on Jan 11, the Healthy Soils Program, the Ag Workforce Development Program, The NMED Proposed Water Reuse Regulations and the SWCD Day in Santa Fe on Jan 31.

NRCS report was reviewed by Raquel.

Chaves County Extension Agency was reviewed by Drew. CEU's for pesticide went well, they had a good turnout and the sponsored breakfast worked out great. Master Gardener open house will be Wednesday at 5:30. They are also hosting a wool judging training at the fairgrounds with Roswell Wool.

Noxious Weed – Emily Doss officially started on 11/2/23, she is working on getting her pesticide applicators license at this time.

District- Jennifer reported that the NMVMA conference went well for both staff and was very enlightening. She is currently working to turn in a new NFWF proposal, and submitted the WQ&C report.

Correspondence

Business

NMHA Conference is in Jan 24-26 in Ruidoso. Hoby made a motion to have Chaves SWCD be a vendor for \$500 and attend the conference. Seconded by Doug, all in favor.

ENMSF sent a letter stating if we would like to keep our current spot at the fair to renew contract before Jan 1. Doug made a motion to go ahead and reserve a spot for 2024 ENMSF, Carrie seconded, all in favor.

Jenny reviewed with the board that the insurance rates are going to increase per GSD. This will effect employees and the budget. No vote or action taken at this time.

Previously awarded NFWF contract needed to be reviewed and signed to move in to the next award. John Sisk signed off on the agreement.

Open Meetings Resolution was reviewed. Some board members mentioned possibly moving the day/time moving forward. Tentative times for 2nd Tuesdays @ 1:30pm or 2nd Wednesdays @ 10:30 am be options. Jennifer will reach out to partners who attend meeting to see if there are any conflicts and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

1st ¼ DFA report was reviewed by the board. Carrie made a motion to accept the report as presented by Jenny, Hoby seconded the motion. All in favor. Attendees signed the resolution.

The AUP was discussed with Katie M. We should be good on reporting that, but Jennifer and Katie will double check.

Hoby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carrie, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager