



Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES

February 12, 2024

Conference Room – 129 E. Third

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Barraza, Carrie Hollifield, John Sisk, Travis Wagner and Jerry Vaz in person. Hoby Bonham via zoom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cody Munson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Pierce, Emily Doss, Drew Garnett (NMSU CES), Raquel Chacon (NRCS), Katie Goetz (NMDA), Shayla & Riley Rodgers in person. Shyanne Trammell (FSA) via zoom.

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

Joe made a motion to approve the Agenda and amend/ approve the Minutes to include Travis Wagner present at Jan meeting. Seconded by John, all in favor. (emailed previously)

Joe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report (emailed previously), seconded by Travis, all in favor.

Guest speakers Shayla and Riley Rodgers did a presentation on P&R judging and expressed gratitude for the SWCD support and sponsorship.

Reports

BLM- absent.

NMDA- Discussed previously sent out report highlighting LOE zoom opportunities, WQ&C grants, Specialty crop grant proposals, ED request for info, BLM funding opportunities, Western Pecan Growers, Seedling Sale and the scale inspection program.

NRCS report, previously sent, was reviewed by Raquel. Several vacancies open in NM and several upcoming deadlines. MOU was also reviewed, no voting needed at this time.

Chaves County Extension Agency was reviewed by Drew. Beef Symposium will be at the Civic Center March 7-8 (NO BQA certification available, only CEU's). Tucumcari Bull Test will be March 9, Pecan conference is March 4-5. CEA assisted in NAP assessment for FSA and they are hoping to use rain monitors in the future. Ranchers Workshop will be in Curry County this year 3/28 and the last steer tag in will be on 4/1.

Noxious Weed – Emily Doss presented previously emailed report. Working on finalizing and distributing Agronomy kits and getting the EPA report submitted.

District- Jennifer discussed NMHA and Santa Fe trips and meetings and discussed that Oaths no longer require a payment, so SOS should be sending back the check. Also, only Travis and Joe needed oaths at this time, John and Cody will need theirs at the beginning of the next FY. She is planning on doing a ranch tour on 2/19 and look at brush treatment, virtual fencing and discuss funding opportunities with producers that are interested.

Correspondence

Katie G reviewed the 50 Year Water Action Plan.

Jennifer discussed WQ&C, HSP, Legacy Funding & NRCS funding. Chaves SWCD will try to submit a proposal for several funding opportunities.

1st ¼ DFA report was finally approved!

Jennifer shared the letters of support she wrote and distributed to Senators and Representatives in Santa Fe highlighting out Noxious Weed program, Brush Control and possibly outreach funding opportunities in the future.

Business

Joy Wagner came in to discuss the past Mill Levy history and why it is set up the way that it is. Currently and in years past, we only have a rural mill levy and it was established and grandfathered that way in the 1980's. This comes back to the voting issues and why urban voters are now able to vote when there is not an urban mill levy only rural. Carrie suggested setting up a meeting with Cindy Fuller to discuss this for future reference and voting issues. Travis made a motion to continue with most recent Mill Levy, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

Jennifer presented travel logs with per diem information for NMHA, Santa Fe and reimbursements for both Jennifer and Emily. John made a motion to approve both travel logs, seconded by Travis, all in favor. Motion passed and Carrie signed off on the logs.

NMCEWL (Quivira) is hosting a Summitt in T or C on Feb 29 to March 1. Neither Jennifer nor Emily is able to attend due to conflicting schedules. No vote needed on this matter.

NMCDE membership information was presented to Jennifer and Emily in Santa Fe. Jennifer is asking the board to include the \$10 annual membership fee per employee be covered under employee benefits paid by the district. Joe made a motion to have the district cover NMCDE membership fees as an employee benefit, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

Banking signors need to be updated with Rebecca and Doug both having resigned.

JP Stone Bank- Brush Control CD (***)3), Doug Whitney is to be removed and signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Gerald Vaz and Joe Barraza.

Pioneer Bank- Brush Control (***)7), Doug Whitney is to be removed and signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Gerald Vaz and Joe Barraza. Insurance Account (***)8), signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Carolyn Hollifield. CD (***)1) signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Carolyn Hollifield. CD (***)8) Doug Whitney is to be removed and signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Carolyn Hollifield and John Sisk. CD (***)7) signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Carolyn Hollifield.

Valley Bank- General Account (***)0) Rebecca Healy is to be removed and signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Carolyn Hollifield and Cody Munson. Noxious Weed General Account (***)4) Doug Whitney and Rebecca Healy are to be removed and signature authority

will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Carolyn Hollifield and Cody Munson. **Noxious Weed MM (**9)** Doug Whitney and Rebecca Healy are to be removed and signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, and Travis Wagner. **Loan Account (**2)** Doug Whitney is to be removed and signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce and Gerald Vaz. **Loan Account (**2)** is also ready to be turned into a CD.

First American Bank- Cost Share MM (7307) Doug Whitney is to be removed and signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, Cody Munson and Gerald Vaz. **Cost Share (**0)** signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, and Gerald Vaz. **Cost Share CD (**8)** signature authority will be granted to Joy Wagner, Jennifer Pierce, and Gerald Vaz.

Joe made a motion to approve all the signature authority updates and transfer the **Loan Account (**2)** into a 6 month to 1 year CD. Seconded by Travis, all in favor.

Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John. Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager