



Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES

December 9, 2024

Conference Room – 129 E. Third

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Barraza, Michael Lackey, Jerry Vaz & John Sisk in person, with Carrie Hollifield via zoom.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cody Munson & Travis Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Pierce, Judy Webster, Drew Garnett, Kelli Goodpasture, Aron Balock, Raquel Chacon

Carrie called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, opening with a prayer.

Joe made a motion to approve the Agenda and Minutes & Financials (emailed previously), seconded by John, all in favor.

Reports

BLM- Absent. Jennifer reported they are still working on getting fencing projects finalized, and currently underway on Salt Cedar projects on Garcia Flat and working on some creosote as well.

NMDA- Katie Goetz went over the previously submitted report highlighting the Elections Training taking place on Jan 24 and NMSU weed management presentations Dec 12-13.

NRCS – Raquel reviewed upcoming deadlines, and other activities for FSA-ECP & EWP.

NMSLO- Absent

Chaves Extension- Drew reported that extension is assisting with Flood programs, held the Urban Symposium which had about 40 participants, and looking forward to the new year.

Noxious Weed – nothing to report at this time.

District- Jennifer reviewed completed tasks and meetings, and upcoming events, as well as grant statuses for current grants in progress.

Open Discussion- PVACD's December meeting is canceled and the next meeting will be 1/8/25 at 9am. They will be discussing their annual plan of operations and looking at flood flow in the area.

Correspondence

Jennifer reviewed the NMFA timeline with the board. Scheduled to close 1/24/25.

NMHA agenda received and shared with the board.

Business

Mileage and Per Diem as stated in the NMDA report was reviewed. Jerry made a motion to follow what was set in the report, seconded by Joe, all in favor.

As per the NMDA report, the board reviewed the current board of supervisors and discussed that it was working well and to leave it the same for 2025. Joe made a motion to keep Carrie as Chairman, John as Vice Chairman, and Cody as Secretary/Treas., seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

Per the NMDA report and SWCC request, Jennifer had the board review their contact information and will get that sent out to the SWCC (not to be made public).

It has been suggested to have a Supervisor Training. NMDA has offered to hold a training for the Chaves SWCD supervisors. Discussion of holding the training after the January meeting and have a lunch was suggested. Joe made a motion to schedule supervisor training on 1/13/25 after the board meeting, and to allot no more than \$20 per person for lunch paid by the district. Motion was seconded by John, all in favor.

Per conversation with NMFA, it was suggested to hold a special meeting to go over the final loan documents and review the loan resolution. Jennifer suggested 12/19/24 at 9am. John made a motion to schedule the special meeting as suggested, seconded by Michael, all in favor.

Resumes for the Noxious Weed Coordinator were reviewed by the board privately. Jennifer has scheduled the interviews to be held on 12/19/24 to go along with the special meeting. – No vote or motion needed.

The current building owner at 1703-A has discussed allowing the district to go ahead and move in prior to loan closure. In order to avoid paying additional rent, Jennifer would like the board to help move buildings on 12/30/24 at 9am. – No vote or motion needed.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager