



## Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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### MINUTES

**February 10, 2025**

**Conference Room – 129 E. Third**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carrie Hollifield, John Sisk, Joe Barraza, Jerry Vaz & Michael Lackey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Travis Wagner & Cody Munson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Pierce, Tony Morales, Kelli Goodpasture, Mark Naranjo & Ty Carter in person. Raquel Chacon & Katie Crayton via zoom.

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

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

#### **Reports**

BLM- Ty reported they are still working on getting fencing projects finalized, and wrapping up Salt Cedar projects.

NMDA- Katie Goetz went over the previously submitted report highlighting the grant opportunities through NMDA (HSP, DOG, NWM).

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

NMSLO- Mark reported that that completed right around 15000 ac of mesquite last year. Hoping to team up with the district on some juniper in FY26.

Chaves Extension- absent

Noxious Weed – Tony reported he is still studying to take his applicators tests and has assisted with some HSP soil samples.

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

PVACD- Kelli reported their experience at AG Fest and stated that Aron is working hard for conservation in Santa Fe.

Open Discussion- Jennifer reviewed NEITC opposition information, incident report on the Chevy, and current cost share progress.

## Correspondence

Purchase vouchers were dispersed to the board for review.

NMFA closing docs were discussed, the district officially owns the new building and location!

## Business

NMCDE renewals went out. Last year the board voted to cover the enrollment for employees who were interested in joining. Jennifer will update renewals accordingly.

The Hagerman Canal is in rough shape and farmers down south are going to be without water. Chaves and H/DSWCD's are both going to try to apply for funding to assist with the needed repairs on the canal.

GHS FFA is requesting sponsorship for their judging trips. John made a motion to sponsor \$250.00, seconded by Joe, all in favor.

Travel statements were reviewed by the board. Mark shared the NMSLO travel and per diem logs, and Jennifer will start utilizing that for reimbursement. Carrie signed off on Jennifer's log. No vote required.

The board reviewed building improvement quotes. 3 bids for signs were reviewed. John made a motion to go with Southwest Printers, seconded by Michael. All in favor. 3 bids were requested and reviewed for security. Michael made a motion to go with N8Tech, seconded by Jerry, all in favor. Jennifer is still waiting on quotes for HVAC and building addition.

Cost share application for JD Rose was reviewed for installation of storage tank on state land. An application for improvement was submitted. John made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Joe, all in favor.

Cost share application for Chad Barbe at Adelante Farms was reviewed. They are requesting assistance in spraying for mustard which is harming the cattle. Joe made a motion to approve the cost share application, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Michael seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager