



## Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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### MINUTES

**March 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 & Joe Barraza

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Pierce, Kelli Goodpasture, Mark Naranjo & Ty Carter, Jennifer Hopper, Raquel Chacon & Katie Crayton in person, and Ashlie Carabajal via zoom.

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

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

#### **Reports**

BLM- Ty reported they are still working on getting fencing projects finalized, and wrapping up Salt Cedar projects. Right now, things are slower due to the federal freezes.

NMDA- Katie Goetz went over the previously submitted report highlighting the grant opportunities through NMDA and their deadlines, and the livestock scale inspections.

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

NMSLO- Mark reported that they are wrapping up project and looking forward to future collaboration with Chaves SWCD and may consider looking at a more extensive MOU.

Chaves Extension- absent

Noxious Weed – N/A

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

PVACD- Kelli spoke on their current plans, and just glad to be with us.

Open Discussion- Jennifer Hopper with NMACD discussed her role with districts, and stated she was going to meetings, introducing her self and working to come up with a list of trainings needed by districts. Supervisors turned that over to Jennifer Pierce who will email that information over to Jennifer H in the coming weeks.

## Correspondence

Purchase vouchers were dispersed to the board for review.

The letter of opposition Jennifer wrote on behalf of the district for the NIETC was reviewed.

Agriculture Recovery Programs flyer from the Ag Task Force was passed around for review.

DFA Capacity Building flyer was passed around. Jennifer will try to attend if it is held online.

NMFWRI flyer was passed around for a restoration professionals conference.

Rise with Roswell is on March 27. Jennifer and Shirley will plan to attend on behalf of the district.

## Business

Women in Ag Leadership Conference is May 1 & 2. Jennifer requested permission to go on her time as it's not in the budget. John mentioned allowing Jennifer to attend but do it on the clock and not have to take PTO. John made the motion to allow Jennifer to attend on her dime, but attend on the clock and represent the district, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

Border SWCD is hosting an African rue field day and seeking sponsorship. Michael made a motion to make a \$100 sponsorship, seconded by Cody, all in favor.

Jennifer presented the NIETC opposition resolution. The board previously read through. John made a motion to pass the resolution as written, seconded by Michael, all in favor.

Jennifer has been working with Tim Durand in reference to the Hagerman Canal restoration. She is going to apply for funding through the DO Grant and the WQ&C grant to help with restoration costs. No action needed.

Building improvement bids for the conference room were reviewed. 4 were received. Randle Construction came in at the lowest. Cody made the motion to contract with Randle Construction on the expansion, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

HVAC bids were reviewed but show differing work. Board requested Jennifer ask for a bid for one heater in the shop and one AC in the shop. When bids are revised they will again be presented to the board.

Cost share application for the Sultemeier's was reviewed. The initial inspection did not meet NRCS specs and standards. Cody made a motion to deny the reimbursement until the wrinkles, bubbles and rim are repaired and meet specs. Seconded by Michael, all in favor.

The noxious weed coordinator position is now open. John made a motion to readvertise the position. Seconded by Michael, all in favor.

The MOU with H/D SWCD for the noxious weed coordinator was reviewed by the board with suggestions made in the meeting between the 2 boards. No additional suggestions have been made at this time. Chaves will wait to hear back on potential changes from H/D.

Brian Archuleta is submitting an individual HSP grant application. He presented his outline for his grant application and explained the process in which he would like to handle the soil health

concerns on his operation. He did previously meet with NRCS to get a conservation plan, and has that in place. He is seeking sponsorship of the application. Cody made a motion to sponsor the application, John seconded it. All in favor.

Cody made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 pm.

Submitted By:

*Jennifer Pierce*

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager