



Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES

May 12, 2025

Conference Room – 129 E. Third

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cody Munson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Pierce, Mariah Bates, Katie Creighton

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

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

Reports

BLM- Absent

NMDA- Katie Creighton went over the previously submitted report highlighting HSP deadlines, and upcoming meetings and trainings. Also highlighted that public comment on Heat Illness and Injury Prevention rule ends May 30th.

NRCS – Mariah reviewed submitted report, and stated it's likely that significantly less EQIP applications will be approved this year due to funding changes.

NMSLO- absent

Chaves Extension- absent

Noxious Weed – Working on Malta with contractor for H/D. Starting Rue and Russian Knapweed soon.

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

PVACD- absent

Open Discussion- NONE

Correspondence

Purchase vouchers not dispersed at this time.

DFA 3rd ¼ reporting was approved and the correspondence for that was presented to the board. There will be a DFA capacity building training on 7/23 in Roswell. Flyer shared with the board

Business

NMCGA summer meeting will be 6/1-3 in Ruidoso. Jennifer asked the board to sponsor a booth and allow attendance on behalf of the district for \$650. John made a motion to have a booth and allow Jennifer to attend on behalf of Chaves SWCD, seconded by Travis, all in favor.

Appointed supervisor applications are due for positions 6 John Sisk and 7 Cody Munson. Travis made a motion to accept those applications and send on to the SWCC, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

The JP stone CD XX535 that was transferred last year has matured on 4/19/24. Jennifer asks to renew the CD at JP Stone for 12 months at the highest rate and put on auto renew with the same authorized signors Carrie Hollifield, Joy Wagner and Jennifer Pierce. Travis made a motion to approve the CD XX535 for 12-month highest rate auto renew with the specified signors, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

Previously approved cost share for Adelante Farm/ Barbe is being presented as the golden rod is not ready to be sprayed. They would like to request an extension through November to be sure to spray the brush at the correct time. Joe made a motion to extend, seconded by Travis, all in favor.

Noxious Weed Cost Share application for Joe Neice was reviewed. Jennifer allowed the producer to bring in their own containers and get some Sendero to treat Malta along his property. Jennifer is asking to put on record as a cost share on chemical for Noxious Weeds. The district provides the chemical if the producer sprays his weeds for this application and future situations. Travis made a motion to allow cost share as presented, seconded by Michael. All in favor.

Social Security historically has not been taken out of the employee checks. Jennifer would like permission to start taking employee and employer contributions at 6.2% each. Jerry made a motion to start contributing to Social Security. Seconded by Travis, all in favor.

The FY26 Interim Budget and resolution was presented to the board. Travis made a motion to approve the budget. Seconded by Joe, all in favor.

Jennifer announced there is business to discuss in executive meeting

Travis made the motion to enter into an executive session, seconded by Joe roll call vote was taken, all in favor. The executive session was brought to order at 11:18 pm. Executive session in reference to Section 10-15-1 H-2 for limited personnel matters in regards to Noxious Weed Coordinator Resumes and interviews.

The board went into open session after deliberation at 12:00 pm and a statement regarding the open session was made by Jennifer. 35 resumes were received for the position; 4 first round interviews were conducted by Jennifer as the Manager. Thos 4 resumes were reviewed by the board and they made the recommendation to have all 4 candidates for in person/ zoom interviews. Jennifer will try to set up those interviews on May 15, 16, 21, 22, or 23. At least 4 board members are requested for the interviews.

Travis made motion to adjourn the meeting. seconded by Jerry, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager