



MINUTES

August 12, 2024

Conference Room – 129 E. Third

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cody Munson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Pierce, Emily Doss, Katie Goetz, Kayli Farmer-Davis, Dylan Burruss in person and Raquel Chacon via zoom.

Joe called the meeting to order at 10:01 am, opening with a prayer. (in place of Carrie due to her being online instead of in person)

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

Jerry made a motion to approve the Financial report (emailed previously), seconded by Carrie, all in favor.

Open Discussion- Presentation

Shayla Rodgers spoke about her experience with NMYRMC. She was incredibly thankful for her sponsorship and wished she could go back every year! She participated in axe and knife throwing, 22 sports, worked on a ranch management plan, butchered meat and said the whole experience was amazing.

Reports

BLM- Kayli reported 7000 ac of mesquite treated, 15000 ac remaining. Mark is currently spraying re-treatment locations.

NMDA- Katie Goetz reviewed the NMDA report (previously emailed). There were highlights on the HSP funded projects and upcoming NMACD conference. She also introduced Dylan Burruss the new Noxious Weed Coordinator for NMDA. He gave a brief introduction and is eager to get to work. Katie also mentioned the BLM RAC meeting will be Sept 16-17.

NRCS – Raquel reviewed the NRCS report as attached. The LWG is upcoming, definite date will be sent out soon. There will be a conservation planning course in Las Cruces November 4-7 and stated is SWCD staff would like to attend to let her know and she will try to hold a spot. She also highlighted Brody Fox is the NM NRCS employee for the month! Congratulations to Brody Fox on his accomplishments in his short time with NRCS thus far.

Chaves County Extension Agency- absent. Pecan Weevil workshop will be held Friday at 4:30pm and Saturday at the library at 10am. Pecan workshop is upcoming and should be in mid-September.

Noxious Weed – Emily reviewed previously emailed NW report. She is finishing up Russian Knapweed. She has submitted the NMDA Noxious Weed Grant and awaiting results on that.

District- Jennifer report as attached was reviewed, she has had several meetings and trainings in the last month and plans to work on MOUs with other districts to expand field work areas.

Correspondence

NMDA Point sheet that was submitted by Jennifer was available for the boards review to familiarize themselves with the process and importance of the worksheet.

Business

Bids for 3 flatbed utility trailers and 3 utv's were reviewed by the board. The previously voted on UTV will not be sufficient for the new needs of the district as discussed. Michael made a motion to allow Jennifer Pierce to purchase the 2024 John Deere Gator 865 on the behalf of the district, in the amount of \$22, 639.75 from John Deere in Roswell, NM, seconded by Travis, all in favor. Travis made a motion to purchase the tandem axel trailer from RL&FS in the amount of \$4299.00, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

The NMFA application and resolution was reviewed by the board, Jenny was just awaiting a few items to complete the application and resolution. John made the motion to approve the application, resolution and allow Jennifer to act on and sign documentation in reference to this building purchase, motion seconded by Travis, all in favor.

Cost share guidelines were discussed by the board in reference to also paying on practices that NRCS allows on signed EQIP contracts. Because the cost in supplies has increased drastically, and it is very difficult to get an ARC clearance, Jennifer is suggesting to allow producers the ability to cost share with the district the remaining amount that NRCS is unable to cover to prevent producers from dropping practices/ contracts especially when it concerns water conservation practices like pivots and mesquite spraying. In conjunction with this conversation the cost share application for the Borg's was reviewed. Because it is in conjunction with and EQIP project, John made the motion to table this application at this time until Jennifer can come up with specification outlines to allow Chaves SWCD to also work with/pay on EQIP projects. Seconded by Carrie, all in favor.

The Rodgers Cost Share application for Noxious Weed Treatment was reviewed by the board. Jennifer would like to allow the district to sponsor (1) 2.5-gallon jug of arsenal for Mrs. Rodgers to treat the African Rue around her HQ. Motion was made by Jerry to sponsor the chemical to Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by John, all in favor.

Cost share application for Mr. Grote was reviewed. The producer refused to complete the application, was extremely rude to staff when reviewing his mesquite project location. Travis made the motion to deny the cost share application for failure to complete the application, seconded by Carrie, all in favor. It was also discussed to let the producer know other locations in which he can purchase the chemical to treat the mesquite.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Travis. Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager