



Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES

January 12, 2026

Conference Room – 1703 A N Garden Ave

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Hollifield, John Sisk, Michael Lackey, Cody Munson, Travis Wagner and Joe Barraza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Vaz

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Pierce, Drew Garnett, Katie Crayton, Kelli Goodpasture, Troy Thompson, Ty Carter and George Farmer in person. Ashlie Carabajal on Zoom.

Carrie called the meeting to order at 10:04 am, and Joe opened with a prayer.

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

Reports

BLM- Ty Carter reported that there is about \$1mil for fencing and they are planning on about 17,000ac or Creosote treatment.

NMDA- Katie reviewed the previously submitted report. If producers are applying for FY27 HSP, they need to have their conservation plans with NRCS completed by 2/20/2026. There is some USDA funding for specialty crop farmers. That deadline is 2/14/26.

NRCS – Robert reviewed attached NRCS report.

NMSLO- absent

Noxious Weed – Drew reviewed submitted report, and upcoming events.

District- Jennifer reviewed previously submitted report with upcoming deadlines and grant status reports.

PVACD- Kelli reported that their elections are coming up for their vacant position. No other news to report.

Open discussion- Ashlie mentioned that the Surface water public comment deadline is coming up on 1/22/26 and this is a prime time to voice your opinions.

Correspondence

Purchase Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Flood Control Annual Report was distributed to the board for review.

Business

NMACD membership options were discussed with the board. After much deliberation, Joe made a motion to rejoin on a trial basis for 1 year. Motion seconded by John. Roll call vote was taken. Yay- Carrie, Michael, Joe, John, Travis & Cody. Nay- None.

SWCD Board and Reorganization was discussed. Starting with Chairman position, John nominated Carrie, seconded by Travis, all in favor. Vice Chair was next. Travis nominated John, seconded by Cody, all in favor. Lastly, Sec/Treas. Travis nominated Cody, seconded by Joe, all in favor. The Directory will be updated and resubmitted.

Oaths of office for Carrie, Michael and Joe were dispersed. Joy Wagner will meet with them to fill out and notarize for submission.

There is a conservation training in Morarity on 3/23 to 3/26. Travis made a motion to send up to 2 employees to this training. Motion seconded by Cody, all in favor.

There is a NEPA training available. Because this is not something the district is actively in need of, the request to attend was not approved. Motion to deny made by Travis, seconded by Joe, all in favor.

Supervisor training is up for renewal. John made a motion to have the supervisor training in office with NMDA on March 9th after our regular meeting with lunch provided, not to exceed \$150.00. Seconded by Cody, all in favor.

Cost Share application for Tawsha and Michael Jacobs was reviewed by the board. Robert Crane recognized the property and that it had been leveled in the last several years with out cost share through a different producer. There was concern that the maintenance for this project was within the clause on the application timeframe. There was a motion to approve the cost share by Joe on the condition that it does not fall under a maintenance clause, and dependent on GPM of the well. Travis Wagner will contact the producer to iron out those details and be in touch with Jennifer to contact the applicant. Seconded by Cody, all in favor.

Mid-Year budget review was not yet ready for review. Jennifer will have it prepped for the next meeting.

Travis made motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cody, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager