



Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES

February 9, 2026

Conference Room – 1703 A N Garden Ave

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Sisk and Cody Munson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Pierce, Drew Garnett, Katie Crayton, Greg Alpers, Andi Harrelson & George Farmer

Carrie called the meeting to order at 10:08 am, and Joe opened with a prayer.

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

Reports

BLM- absent

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. She will be ready for supervisor training here on 3/9.

NRCS – Andi 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- Greg reported that they have been busy and active in Santa Fe during session. They are interested in a cost share program with the district, and discussed important house and senate bills.

Open discussion- George mentioned upcoming plans and positions within PLJV.

Correspondence

Purchase Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Business

NM Facilitation Training is scheduled for February 24-25 in Albuquerque. Jennifer was accepted to the program and requesting to go with the district covering hotel costs. Travis made a motion to approve the request from Jennifer, seconded by Michael, all in favor.

Mileage and Per Diem rates were reviewed by the board. Joe made a motion to approve the travel rates as stated in the NMDA report and Per Diem rates as outlined. Travis seconded, all in favor.

NMCDE Training to be held in TorC on 3/3-4. Jennifer has been asked to present on insurance benefits. Travis made a motion to allow Jennifer to attend plus her hotel, seconded by Michael, all in favor.

NMCDE Annual Meeting to be held in Morarity on 4/23. It will be a day trip for all staff members. No motion needed.

2026 ENMSF application to have a booth was presented to the board. Travis made a motion to continue with a booth space in the commercial building. Seconded by Joe, all in favor.

Bids/quotes on Forklifts, Skid Steers and tractors were reviewed. The board was not ready to purchase any of those that were presented. Jennifer suggested putting together a committee for this made up of the board. Michael, Travis and Jerry volunteered to help with that. Jerry made a motion to table the purchase and seconded by Travis. All in favor.

Jennifer reviewed the mid-year budget with the board. Joe made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Jerry, all in favor.

Joe made motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Travis, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Pierce

Jennifer Pierce- District Manager