

#### Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District 103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801 June 12th, 2023 12:00 PM

**Present:** Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, James Sanchez, Vernon Leseberg, Lencho Vega, Will Kolbenschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Dani Rivera, Katie Mechenbier (NMDA) and Della Vega

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:03pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

The **agenda** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

The **May 8th, 2023 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

#### Items:

## **Financial:**

**Treasurer's Report and Voucher Payments:** See attachments. This was approved as presented on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

**BLM Extra Funding:** BLM Fire has extra funding this year and has asked if the Socorro SWCD would be willing to contract out Salt cedar control around the Socorro Nature Area for approximately 70 acres. BLM is currently looking at ways to get the funding to the Socorro SWCD.

**Inventory certification:** The Board reviewed the list of all property valued at >\$5,000. See attachment. This passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez.

**New Office Building:** A punch list was sent to our contractor regarding unfinished work, sub-standard work and concerns about the building. A motion was made by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg to contact our State Representative, Ms. Tara Jaramillo and request assistance getting CID to respond to phone calls and emails regarding inspections for this new building. James Sanchez stated that we may need to consult Jerry Armijo for further action.

# **Cost Share Program:**

**Update:** Linda Rosales was unable to finish land leveling, leaving us under budget. See attached spreadsheet.

**FY 2024 Cost Share Applications:** See attachments. These were sent out prior to the meeting for review. Minor changes were made to the cost share applications. The changes for FY 2024 passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and was second by Vernon Leseberg.

**Letter to MRGCD:** See attachment. This letter, addressed to Jason Casuga, CEO, states our appreciation of the work that Gabby Coghlin did for the farmers in our District and how she kept the Socorro SWCD updated on important issues of MRGCD. This letter was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and a second by Vernon Leseberg.



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**NMDA Report:** See attachment. Katie updated the Board on upcoming deadlines such as AUP (audit) contract deadline, point system worksheet due date and annual report due date. Also the date to notify the county clerk(s) of all board positions up for election.

Adjourn:	Meeting concluded at 1:06pm.		
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