



Present: Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, Sefie Anaya, James Sanchez, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Daniela Rivera, Will Kolbensschlag, Katie Mechenbier, Rebecca Dow, Jennifer Hopper.

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:03 pm by Vice-Chairman Chris Lopez.

The **agenda** passed unanimously following a motion by James Sanchez and a second by Sefie Anaya.

The **March 10, 2025** minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by James Sanchez and a second by Sefie Anaya.

Items:

Legislative Update-Rebecca Dow:

Representative Dow gave an update on items from the recent legislative session and new funding opportunities.

NMDA Training Specialist: Jennifer Hopper: Jennifer gave an update about available trainings around the state and requested input for training opportunities.

Financial:

Treasurer's Report and Voucher Payments: See attachment. This was unanimously accepted as presented following a motion by Vernon Leseberg and a second by Sefie Anaya.

FY2025 3rd Quarter Budget Review and DFA Letter: See attachment. This was approved unanimously following a motion by James Sanchez and a second by Sefie Anaya. Roll call vote followed: Chris Lopez: yes, Vernon Leseberg: yes, Sefie Anaya: yes, James Sanchez: yes.

OSA FY2024 Audit Final Approval Letter: See attachment. The OSA approved the 2024 audit and it has been released to the public.

Select IPA(auditor) for FY2025 Tier 6 AUP: Will presented the 2 quotes received for the Tier 6 AUP. Following a motion by James Sanchez and a second by Vernon Leseberg, the board voted unanimously to select Baldwin Accounting & Consulting, LLC to perform the AUP.

Office Building Update: Will reviewed correspondence from The Moses Law Firm. Following a motion by James Sanchez and a second by Vernon Leseberg, the board voted unanimously to proceed with a lawsuit against Western Surety.

Election Update: Will presented the documents sent to the Socorro County Clerk's Office regarding the 2025 election. Candidate declaration day is August 26, 2025 for positions #3 and #4.



Cost Share:

Update: See attachment. Daniela gave an update on the financial status of the cost share program.

Agricultural Applications: Applications from Nyleen Troxel Stowe for WetStake, Rick Muncy for a Livestock Well, and James Sanchez for WetStake were reviewed. Following a motion by Vernon Leseberg and a second by Sefie Anaya, the board voted unanimously to approve Nyleen Troxel Stowe and Rick Muncy’s applications, and to place James Sanchez on a waitlist due to full allocation of the cost share budget. James Sanchez abstained from voting on this matter.

Review Personnel Policy: Our personnel policy does not currently contain language regarding maternity leave. Will presented policies adopted by NMDA and Taos SWCD. No action was taken. The board will finalize a new policy in the May 2025 board meeting.

NMDA Report: See attachment. Katie reviewed the report.

Closed Session: On a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by Sefie Anaya, the Board went into Executive Session for annual personnel reviews pursuant to NM State Statutes 10-15 1. Roll call was as follows: Chris Lopez: yes, Vernon Leseberg: yes, Sefie Anaya: yes, James Sanchez: yes. On a motion by Sefie Anaya and second by James Sanchez, the Board came out of Executive Session after personnel reviews with no final action taken pursuant to NM State Statutes 10-15 1 and went into regular session. Roll call was as follows; Chris Lopez: yes, Vernon Leseberg: yes, Sefie Anaya: yes, James Sanchez: yes.

Following a motion by Sefie Anaya and second by Vernon Leseberg, all employees will receive a 10% salary increase for FY2026.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 2:03 pm.

Chairman

Date