



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801
May 10, 2021 12:00 PM

Present: Eddy Harris, Vernon Leseberg, Chris Lopez, Lencho Vega, Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, and Katie Mechenbier (by phone).

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:08 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

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

Oath of Office James Sanchez: This was tabled as James Sanchez was not in attendance due to receiving irrigation water this morning.

The **April 2021 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg

Board Re-organization: This was also tabled until James Sanchez will be at a board meeting..

Items:

Financial:

Treasurer’s Report and Voucher Payments: See attachments. The General Fund account has not been reconciled. PERA SmartSave with VOYA Financial initiated an unauthorized ACH debit for \$700 on April 16 and it cleared the bank on April 19. Nyleen spoke to First State Bank who printed out the information including the tracer number on this transaction. This has been submitted to VOYA for correction by no response yet. This transaction was initiated one week from the payroll submission on April 9 and one week before the payroll submission initiated on April 23. There is no payroll submission report in VOYA that coordinates to this date and so far according to VOYA, they did not receive the money. If VOYA is not able to correct this, Nyleen will contact the State Police and make a report. She will also contact PERA and the Office of the State Auditor Fraud Division. Vouchers were paid on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

FY 2022 Budget Resolution: Nyleen sent out the draft FY 2022 budget for the board to review. Two corrections were made to correct the amount in the NMFA loan principal and the NMFA loan interest line items. This budget resolution passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg. Roll call vote followed with Chris, Vernon, Lencho and Eddy all voting yes.

3rd Quarter Budget Report: This budget report was approved by DFA.

Cost Share:

Update: See attachment. There are three projects remaining to be completed—Jay Santilles land leveling; Chris Lopez MRGCD turnout upgrade and Robert Rincones drip irrigation

Dissolution of RR Tie Program: We were notified by NRAO that we cannot charge an administration fee to manage this program. Will also began looking into regulations regarding the use of railroad ties. According to the EPA, railroad ties should not be exposed to water and therefore not used in erosion control projects due to the various noxious chemicals in creosote. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the Socorro SWCD will no longer offer the railroad tie program. Staff will draft specifications to make erosion control a cost share eligible practice.

NMDA Report: See attached report. Katie went through the report with the board.

NRCS Report: No report sent and no one in attendance.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 1:10 pm.

Chairman

Date