



Present: Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, James Sanchez, Lencho Vega, Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Dani Rivera, Dusty Glidewell (NRCS) and Gabby Coughlin (MRGCD).

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:02pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

The **agenda** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega.

The **March 13, 17 and 20, 2023 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez.

Items:

Healthy Soils Program-Joaquin Lujan: Mr. Lujan intends to submit a grant to the Healthy Soils Program for his small acreage in Polvadera to improve his drip system and address weed issues with cover crop and mulch. He has fruit trees and grows vegetables. He is part of a group of small cultural farmers who provide fresh fruit and vegetables to some of the smaller villages in New Mexico. He has school children who come down to his farm from Albuquerque and learn about farming and get their hands dirty. He also has two hoop houses. He is working with Dusty Glidewell from NRCS to determine the amount of funding that he needs to ask for. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez, the board approves a letter of support for this project.

Financial:

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

FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment Resolution: This was sent out prior to the meeting for review. See attachments. We have several items that need to be adjusted including increased amounts of income due to the Healthy Soils Program, SWCC grant funding and changes in expenditures due to budget line-item adjustments with our BLM funding. This was approved on a motion by James Sanchez and second by Lencho Vega. Roll call vote followed with all voting in favor of the amendments. This will be submitted to DFA for review and approval.

FY 2022-2023 3rd Quarter Budget Report: This was also sent out prior to the meeting for review. See attachments. The 3rd Quarter Budget Report was approved as presented on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez.

Purchase of ATV and Trailer-BLM Funding: Staff submitted a budget line item adjustment to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for this years funding. Contract work was taken out and put into staffing and equipment purchase. The BLM approved the adjustment. Ten thousand dollars was allocated for a small trailer and another ATV. Purchase of these two items was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega.

AUP for FY 2022: See attachment. Final copy was received.

Cost Share Program:

Update: See attachment. It is anticipated that everyone will finish their projects.



Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust (RGALT) Letters of Support Request: The board reviewed this but has some questions regarding the process of land management with RGALT. They have heard from some landowners that you cannot rotate your crops without prior approval. No action taken.

NMDA Report: See attachment.

MRGCD Report: Gabby gave an update on work that the MRGCD is doing.

NRCS: Dusty Glidewell handed out a sheet from NRCS on their climate change program. The NRCS is also going to go back to 2015 through December of 2023 and look at the contracts and potentially reimburse the landowners more due to the increased cost of these practices and the fact that they have not updated their costs in decades.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 1:37 pm.

Chairman

Date