



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District  
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801  
November 8, 2021 12:00 PM

**Present:** Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, James Sanchez, Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe. Also, Gabby Coughlin, Katie Mechenbier and Rafael Sierra-Castro by Zoom Meetings.

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:00 pm by Vice-chairman Chris Lopez.

The **agenda** passed on a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by James Sanchez.

The **October 2021 minutes** passed on a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by James Sanchez.

**Items:**

**Financial:**

**Treasurer’s Report and Voucher Payments:** See attachments. These were approved as presented on a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by James Sanchez.

**Quotes for Gonzales Salt cedar Treatment:** Two quotes were received-the first was \$11,466.85 from Sanchez Demolition and the second was \$18,389.50. Both quotes met equipment, experience and completion plans. On a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by James Sanchez, the contract will go to Sanchez Demolition.

**First State Bank Letter for E Check Authorization to Pay City of Socorro:** See attachment. The City of Socorro has changed their bill payment system and if a credit card is used, the 1.5% credit card fee is added onto the credit card charge. This will be an issue with yearly audits. This letter will also the Socorro SWCD to pay by E-check for their monthly city bill for utilities. This passed on a motion by James Sanchez and second by Vernon Leseberg. Nyleen will take the signed letter to First State Bank.

**Cost Share:**

**Agricultural:** Applications for irrigation turnouts for David Gonzales and irrigation runout and land leveling for Francisco “Kiko” Salazar were approved. MRGCD has not given the estimate to Kiko Salazar yet. Both applications were approved on a motion by James Sanchez and second by Vernon Leseberg. Travis Chavez has requested a 30 day extension for his land leveling. His field was covered with sediment during a rain event this past summer. He has been working with the railroad to receive funding to fix this problem. The board granted him a 30 day extension on a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by James Sanchez.

**MRGCD Report:** Gabby Coughlin introduced herself to the board. She is the Agronomist with MRGCD. She is going to look into Kiko Salazar’s turnout application to see why it has stalled. MRGCD now has an application period for turnout installation/upgrade/replacement. MRGCD has started having monthly tours for the MRGCD Board and staff of farms. Wednesday November 10 will be on Travis Harris’ farm in San Antonio followed by lunch at Glen Duggins farm in Lemitar. MRGCD has also be working with the Village of Los Ranchos to set us a soil testing/soil health assessment lab at their Agri Center. This should be up and running by early 2022.Gabby has also been working on financial and technical programs including a low interest loan program and cover crop program to assist farmers in the MRGCD. Gabby will be attending the monthly meetings.

**NMDA Report:** See attached report. Katie went over the highlights and reminders from the report. The Socorro SWCD will approve their open meetings resolution at the December meeting.

**Adjourn:** Meeting concluded at 12:55 pm.

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Chairman

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