



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801
November 13, 2023

Present: Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, James Sanches, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Will Kolbensschlag, Dani Rivera, Emily Bruton, Richard Lopez Jr., Esperanza Lopez

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

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

Esperanza Lopez, a 4H student in Socorro High School, gave a presentation to the board about her wildlife habitat evaluations. She placed second in wildlife evaluations for the past two years. Part of the competition involves learning wildlife identification in various habitats and writes a wildlife management plan.

The **October 9, 2023 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and a 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 a second by Vernon Leseberg.

Q1 Budget Approved by DFA: See attachment. Budget was approved as submitted.

Update On Office Building: We are currently waiting for Aaron Saavedra to take core samples and have them evaluated. Jerry Armijo has reviewed contract documents, met with staff at the building, and has been in communication with Westcon’s attorney.

Purchase of New Data Collector (grant): The cost of the data collector needed to use with Windows 11 has increased \$850 since the original quote we received to apply for the SWCC grant, to \$6,870. The grant is for \$6,020. On a motion by Chris Lopez and a second by Vernon Leseberg, the board voted to cover the difference.

Salt Cedar Contract: See attachment. The draft contract for Lanford Excavation using the statewide price agreement was sent out prior to the meeting for board review. This was approved following a motion from Chris Lopez and a second by James Sanchez.

Cost Share Program:

Update: Dani gave an update on the current cost share projects and the cost share budget.

Modification of Residential Application: The application was changed to allow only one residential cost share application per person, per fiscal year.

NMDA Report: See attachment.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 12:40 PM

Chairman

Date