



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District  
March 20, 2023, 10:00 AM  
1305 Enterprise Rd, Socorro, NM

**Present:** Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, Lencho Vega, Jimmy Sanchez, Vernon Leseberg, Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Dani Rivera, with WestCon Commercial Industries Ltd., Co. employees including Steven Preece, and Laura Robinson

The **meeting** was called to order at 10:00 am

**Items:**

This Emergency meeting was to address our concerns about our new building with Westcon Commercial Industries, including rainwater spilling into and running into the office portion of the building.

Steven Preece is the president/CEO of West Con. Jimmy Sanchez, Vernon Leseberg, and Chris Lopez brought it to Steven’s attention that water is seeping under the metal building into the office where wooden studs are placed causing a puddle. Water is seeping through the treated studs and then up into non treated wall studs. Steven Preece’s response was that “it wasn’t his concern to drive two hours to clean up the excessive water”. Chris Lopez asked Steven “why it wasn’t sealed at the bottom of the building to prevent water from coming in?” Steven’s response was “The building package did not come with the sealant and and he did not want to hold up his workers erecting the building. They will seal it at a later date with a type of temporary sealant.” Chris Lopez and Jimmy Sanchez and Vernon Leseberg and Will Kolbensschlag also brought up to Steven that the Apron slab is at the wrong slope and is sloping towards the building and that is the main cause of the water entering the building. Stevens Response “Rainwater runs up hill, I’ve seen it happen before.” Steven then mentioned that they are going to put a temporary sealant around the building to prevent further water running into the building.” Will Kolbensschlag asked “how long is the sealant going to last?” Steven’s response was “10 years and you will have to replace it.” Chris Lopez then asked Steven about the concrete slab and why it has footprints and why didn’t they cover the slab until 4 days after it was poured? Steven’s response was “A1 quality Redi mix trucks showed up at 10am and trucks were broken down and came two hours after at 12pm to pour the rest. They used “4000psi concrete and added a 2% accelerator to the mix.” They covered half of the concrete slab and “could not find any concrete blankets in between Las Cruces and Socorro.” Steven stated, “They came back at 10pm to cover the slab with blankets”. Steven also mentioned that they took “core samples and we can find the testing results on procore.com.”

Many other concerns were discussed, and Steven said these will be addressed with the punch list.

Steven mentioned that the SWCD staff is no longer allowed at the building site when they are working. Steven would like to set up a scheduled walk-through meeting every two weeks for the board members. The first date of scheduled meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
Vernon Leseberg and James Sanchez left at 10:54 am

**Adjourn:** Meeting concluded at 11:00 am

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Chairman

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Date