Present: Chris Lopez (left at 12:35), Edward Harris, Vernon Leseberg, Sefie Anaya, Chanda Vigil (arrived at 12:07 pm), Katie Mechenbier, Chris Jennings, Daniela Rivera, Will Kolbenschlag.

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

The **agenda** passed unanimously following a motion by Edward Harris and a second by Sefie Anaya.

The September **8, 2026** minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Edward Harris and a second by Vernon Leseberg.

Public Comment Period: None

Items:

Treasurer's Report and Voucher Payments: See attachments. Following a motion by Edward Harris and a second by Sefie Anaya, these were unanimously accepted as presented.

FY2027 First Quarter Budget Report and Approval Letter: See attachments. Following a motion by Edward Harris and a second by Sefie Anaya, the FY27 Q1 Budget Report was approved.

Awning RFB Bid Review: See attachment**.** Four bids were received. Following discussion, Chanda Vigil made a motion to reject all bids and rebid the project, with a new RFB to be presented for board approval in the December 2026 board meeting. Sefie Anaya seconded the motion, and all board members voted in the affirmative.

WRRI Grant Approval: Will reviewed the status of the 5 grant applications. WRRI was supposed to notify us of the approval/rejection of the applications on August 8, 2026, and we have only been notified about three out of the five applications. Of those three, Craig Sichler's irrigation pipeline was the only one approved. Will presented the WRRI contract to the board for approval. Following a motion by Edward Harris and a second by Vernon Leseberg, this was unanimously approved.

Support Letter for NM Tech Research Project: Will met with Dr. Haoying Wang regarding their grant application for a Salt Cedar research project on Bureau of Reclamation, BLM, and private land in the Middle Rio Grande. He requested a letter of support from the Socorro SWCD to accompany his grant application. Following discussion, no action was taken.

Parliamentary Procedure Training?: Jennifer Hopper is offering to conduct this training for each district. Will will request that this training be conducted immediately prior to the December 2026 board meeting.

Chris Lopez left the meeting at 12:35. A quorum of the board remained.

FY27 Salt Cedar Project: There are no new applicants for our annual Riparian Restoration appropriation. Following a motion by Vernon Leseberg and a second by Sefie Anaya, the board voted unanimously to continue work on Rudy Gonzales' properties in Contreras, NM.

Cost Share:

Update: See attachment. Daniela updated the board on the status of the cost share program.

Agricultural Application: Carolann Romo applied for a windmill to solar conversion project. Following a motion by Sefie Anaya and a second by Vernon Leseberg, this was unanimously approved.

Employee Reports: Dani and Will reviewed their reports on monthly activities.

NMDA Report: See attachment. Katie reviewed the report.

Adjourn: Sefie Anaya made a motion to adjourn. Chanda Lopez seconded the motion, and all board members voted in the affirmative. The meeting concluded at 1:09 pm.

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Chairman Date