



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801
August 14th, 2023 12:00

Present: Eddy Harris, Vernon Leseberg, Jimmy Sanchez, Dani Rivera, Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Katie Mechenbier-NMDA, Mike Chavez (New Mexico Department of Game & Fish), and Gaby Coughlin (Envirothon).

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:04 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

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

The **July 10 and July 28, 2023 minutes** passed on a motion by Jimmy Sanchez 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 Jimmy Sanchez and a second by Vernon Leseberg.

New Office Building: Staff discussed the citations issued to Westcon Commercial Industries, LLC (Westcon) by Construction Industries Division (CID) and the likely next steps moving forward. We are currently waiting for Westcon to formally respond to the citations as required by CID.

NMDA MOA For Salt Cedar Funding: Nyleen reviewed the MOA send by NMDA for \$31,870. NMDA will not withhold 10% this year, as they have in the past. The MOA was approved on a motion by Jimmy Sanchez and a second by Vernon Leseberg.

DFA Form for FY 2022: DFA changed the code for one of the budget line items in the middle of FY 2022, which resulted in an inaccurate finding that we spent more than the budgeted amount. Nyleen presented an "Acknowledgement of the FY 2022 Audit" resolution. This passed on a motion by Jimmy Sanchez and a second Vernon Leseberg, and was followed by a roll call vote, with all present voting in the affirmative.

Cost Share Program:

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

Agricultural Application: Donna Harris submitted an application for a livestock pipeline and drinker. This is her second application this fiscal year. She previously installed a pipeline and drinker, and the project came in well under budget, leaving enough room in her annual maximum for a second project. This project will involve developing a natural spring in an arroyo on her 600-acre ranch. The application was approved on a motion from Jimmy Sanchez and a second by Vernon Leseberg.

Election:

The election is November 7, 2023. Candidates must declare their candidacy with the county clerk on August 29, 2023. Position #1 (Vernon Leseberg), Position #2 (Jimmy Sanchez), and Position #5 (Eddy Harris) are at the end of their terms.



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NMDA Report: See attachment. Katie went over the highlights of the report pertaining to the Socorro SWCD.

Gaby Coughlin has been hired on as the executive secretary of the New Mexico Envirothon. This year, the Hot Springs Scat Cats won #3 in the nation. The 2024 Envirothon is scheduled for April 11-13. Gaby will be conducting an open house on September 3, 2023 at a location TBA in Albuquerque.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 12:47 pm.

Chairman

Date