



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801
March 14, 2022, 12:00 PM

Present: Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, Lencho Vega, Gabby Coughlin, Will Kolbenschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, with Katie Mechenbier and Rafael Sierra-Castro by Zoom Meetings.

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

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

The **February 14 and March 1, 2022 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

Items:

Financial:

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

NMFA Loan for Office Building Scope of Work Change Letter: The NM Finance Authority has requested a formal letter from the Board requesting the change in scope of work. See attachment. This letter was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

NMFA Loan Hire Jerry Armijo to Review Documents: On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the Socorro SWCD will hire Jerry Armijo to review documents associated with the purchase of the space at 1111 California St. Mr. Armijo was hired to review our documents and submit the necessary paperwork for the original NMFA loan.

NMFA Loan Meeting with Realtor: The realtor has requested a meeting to drop off the offer paperwork. This will be at 1:30 pm. No action will be taken by board as we will simply take paperwork and submit to our lawyer, Mr. Jerry Armijo.

NMFA Loan Appraisal Update: We do not have the appraisal yet. Mr. Lee Morris has had trouble finding comparable buildings that have sold in Socorro. He hopes to have this finished soon.

Cost Share:

Agricultural: See attached spreadsheet. We have one landowner remaining who is waiting on a turnout from MRGCD.

NMDA Report: See attachment. Katie went over the report highlighting the important items.

NRCS Report: See attachment. Rafael reviewed his report with the Board.

MRGCD Report: Gabby Coughlin gave an update on the soil testing lab. They will have their grand opening on March 26. She brought flyers for this event. See attachment. Gabby requested a letter from the Socorro SWCD for support of the Middle Rio Grande Soil Health Lab. The Socorro SWCD office would be a drop off point for landowners for their soil for testing. The Socorro SWCD has always had soil testing as part of our cost share program. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the Socorro SWCD will submit a letter stating this. See attachment.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 12:56 pm.

Chairman

Date