



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District  
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801  
September 13, 2021 12:00 PM

**Present:** Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, Lencho Vega, Vernon Leseberg, James Sanchez, Will Kolbenschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, and Katie Mechenbier and Rafael Sierra-Castro (on-line).

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

The **agenda** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez.

The **August 2021 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez.

**Items:**

**Financial:**

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

**Contract for Gate/Post Entryway at New Building Site:** We need to have a gate/entryway installed at the new building site. Currently the east side next to the street is a 3 strand barb wire fence that runs the length of the unoccupied lots. The design must be submitted to the City of Socorro for approval prior to installation. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez, Will is going to contact several fencing contractors with welding experience and have a gate installed.

**MOA with NMDA for Salt cedar/Restoration Funding:** The Socorro SWCD has received Salt cedar/Restoration funding for FY 2022. See attached Memo of Agreement. This agreement passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega.

**Survey for Gonzales tract for FY 2022 Salt cedar/Restoration Funding:** Rudy Gonzales has been approved to have clearing done on his 14.3 acres in Contreras by the Socorro SWCD. Two corners are marked by railroad ties, but the other two corners are not marked. The tract also curves. Staff suggested to the board that a professional survey should be done to mark all boundaries of the property prior to contractor starting the work. This passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega. Staff will contact several surveyors and get this process started.

**Request for Quote for Gonzales Tract for FY 2022 Salt cedar/Restoration Funding:** See attachment. This was sent out prior to meeting for the Board for review. It was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

**Request for Proposal Design Services (Architecture/Engineering) for New Office Building:** See attachment. This was sent out prior to the meeting for the Board to review. This passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez. This will be advertised in the Albuquerque Journal.

**Cost Share:**

**Agricultural:** Applications for Land leveling for Travis Chavez, land leveling for John E. Chavez and land leveling for Lucy Baca were received. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by James Sanchez, these three applications were approved. This puts us over our budget for cost share, but some of the previously approved projects may not happen. Four projects have been completed, twelve landowners asked for an extra month to finish their projects leaving only one landowner that has not contacted staff. See attached spreadsheet.

**Election Information:** Chris Lopez and Lencho Vega submitted their paperwork to the Socorro County Clerk’s Office in order to be on the ballot in November.

**NMDA Report:** See attached report. Katie went over the highlights of the report.

**Adjourn:** Meeting concluded at 12:40 pm.

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Chairman

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