

Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
February 9, 2026 6pm
In person and Teleconference

Supervisors Present

Nathan Jurva
Henry Vasquez
Jim Carr
Charles Goodwin
Fred Beard

Others

Sandi Wilkie – CSWCD
Riki Lopez-CSWCD
Emily Metcalf-CSWCD-phone
Jeffrey Timmons-PBSaffron
Renae Cox-BLM
Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA
Jonas Quirin-BLM
Sophia Towson-BLM
Shiloh McCollum-Vertex

Supervisors Absent: Kristin Pope, Lupe Carrasco

Chairman Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Jim Carr moved to approve the agenda, Fred Beard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jim Carr moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; Henry Vasquez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Henry Vasquez moved to approve the financial reports and pay bills; Fred Beard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentations: Shiloh McCollum gave a presentation on a project they are looking for help funding. The project would be research on the Shirer’s Cactus, studying pollination, seed development and other attributes. The board noted that if the Early College interns are used, the district is already contributing. Staff will forward any grant opportunities that may fit.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Emily reports that we have started spraying creosote and juniper and will be for the rest of the week. Treated 7500 acres of creosote on a NFWF project today. The rate for Spike on juniper is 1.25 lbs. per acre and .75 lbs. for creosote. There is no mesquite funding yet.

Oath of office- Charles Goodwin took his oath.

New Business

CMP training- in Moriarity: Fred Beard moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to approve time and travel for staff to attend this training. Motion passed unanimously.

Employee Workshop- March 3-4 T or C: Henry Vasquez moved and Charles Goodwin seconded to approve time and travel for staff to attend the workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

Otis Drainage quote: After much discussion over the last year on this project (historical ownership of the project, benefits to lands downstream, benefits to wildlife, soil health improvement), Henry Vasquez moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the revamping of the Otis Drainage Project (not to be confused with the CID’s project of a similar name). Motion passed with Nathan Jurva abstaining.

Brush Control – J Rose, Salt Draw Ranch: Henry Vasquez moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the applications. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

NRCS –See attached.
NMDA –See attached.
NMACD –None
USFS –None
ECES – none

CID- none
CSWCD –
Others- none

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi Wilkie

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr