

Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
June 8, 2026 6pm
In person and Teleconference

Supervisors Present

Nathan Jurva
Henry Vasquez
Lupe Carrasco
Jim Carr
Fred Beard

Others

Riki Lopez-CSWCD
Raquel Chacon-NRCS
Rena Cox-BLM
Emily Metcalf-CSWCD

Kathie Kruthaupt-NMDA
Heath Willingham-HDWD
Carley Willingham

Supervisors Absent: Charles Goodwin, Kristin Pope

Chairman Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Jim Carr moved to approve the agenda, Henry Vasquez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

Presentations- None

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Contractors are out spraying Rue. There will be about \$1.5 million put into the agreement for FY27 for salt cedar treatment on the Pecos River north of Roswell.

New Business

NM811 3rd party contractor: Henry Vasquez moved to use BDS as the contractor, Fred Beard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Connex Boxes: Henry Vasquez moved to purchase boxes from Courtesy Sporting and Pawn, Lupe Carrasco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Forklift: Lupe Carrasco moved to get a forklift from one of the three companies that would not take several weeks or months to be delivered, Jim Carr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ICIP Resolution: Jim Carr moved to update the ICIP by removing the existing projects and add the new education building to be built in the near future, and Fred Beard seconded. Roll call vote: Nathan Jurva-yea, Lupe Carrasco-yea, Jim Carr-yea, Henry Vasquez-yea, Kristin Pope-abs, Charles Goodwin-abs, Fred Beard-yea.

NMACD Region IV meeting: Everyone was reminded to attend on June 24th in Artesia.

Shade Balls: Riki will check into prices, options of delivery of shade balls in containers, and report back to the board.

WRRI: Henry Vasquez moved to partner with producers to submit WRRI grants, Lupe Carrasco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

John Ballard memorial contributions: There were a couple of donations made to Carlsbad SWCD on behalf of John Ballard, the board was asked to come up with ideas to spend the money and discuss in July.

Intern/Seasonal Rue Mapper: Fred Beard moved to hire someone to map African Rue for the current growing season, pay will be negotiated dependent on experience and vehicle usage. Motion passed unanimously.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction RFP: Jim Carr moved to accept the evaluation committee's recommendation to offer a contract to Southwest Contracting & Associates, LLC, Lupe Carrasco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Brush Control – S. Stone Henry Vasquez moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the application. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

NRCS –See attached.

NMDA –See attached.

NMACD –None

USFS –None

ECES – none

CID- none

CSWCD – none

Others- Hackberry – Heath gave a brief update on what has been happening with the oil and gas industry.

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Riki Lopez

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr