

Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
April 13, 2026 6pm
In person and Teleconference

Supervisors Present

Nathan Jurva
Kristin Pope
Lupe Carrasco
Jim Carr
Fred Beard
Charles Goodwin

Others

Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA	Sandi Wilkie-phone
Riki Lopez-CSWCD	Renaë Cox-BLM
Emily Metcalf-CSWCD-phone	
Wyatt Toothman-BLM	

Supervisors Absent: Henry Vasquez

Chair Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Kristin Pope moved to approve the agenda, Lupe Carrasco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Will start spraying African Rue

Hackberry – Riki and Sandi gave brief update on progress with an engineer.

New Business

Annual Plan & Calendar FY 27: Kristin Pope moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded to accept the annual plan and calendar with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mill Levy Resolution FY27: Fred Beard moved and Charles Goodwin seconded to approve the FY27 Mill Levy as is. Roll call vote was taken.

Hand/Drone RFP awards: Five applicants were presented to the board by the evaluation committee for approval. The board voted to award contracts to four of the five recommendations. Lupe Carrasco abstained from the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Aerial Herbicide Contract renewal: Kristin Pope moved and Fred Beard seconded the contract renewal with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Hackberry Draw Watershed District Board Appointees: Hackberry Draw Watershed District recommended to appointees to Carlsbad SWCD; Phil Carrell Jr and Mike Kurimski. Fred Beard moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded the motion to appoint the two as new board members to the Hackberry Draw Watershed District board.

Hackberry Draw Watershed District budget: Lupe Carrasco moved and Kristin Pope seconded to approve Hackberry's FY 27 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Hackberry Draw Watershed District Mill Levy: Jim Carr moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded to issue Hackberry's mill levy on their behalf. Roll call vote was taken.

Envirothon: Fred Beard moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded to send Envirothon a \$1000 sponsorship. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointed Supervisors: Jim Carr moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded the appoint Fred Beard and Henry Vasquez as the appointees. Motion passed unanimously.

Brush Control – L Onsurez, W Sibley: Jim Carr moved and Charles Goodwin seconded to approve the applications. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

NRCS –See attached.

NMDA –See attached.

NMACD –None

USFS –None

ECES – none

CID- none

CSWCD – none

Others- none

Closed session: Lupe Carrasco moved and Kristin Pope seconded to go into closed session regarding personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Carr moved and Kristin Pope seconded to move out of closed session. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Carr moved and Kristin Pope seconded to give employees a 5% raise. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Riki Lopez

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr