

**Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
August 11, 2025, 6pm
In person and Teleconference**

Supervisors Present

Kristin Pope
Jim Carr
Nathan Jurva
Lupe Carrasco
Henry Vasquez-phone
Charles Goodwin
Fred Beard

Others

Sandi Wilkie – CSWCD
Riki Lopez-CSWCD
Ria Jarquin-Lewis-CSWCD
Ray Keller-CSWCD-phone
Emily Metcalf-CSWCD-phone
Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA-phone
Lindsey Vasquez-BLM

Renae Cox-BLM-phone
Wyatt Toothman-BLM
Sophia Towson-BLM
Bailey Boyd- BLM
Dempsey Folsom-BLM
Brian Hughes-BLM
Raquel Chacon- NRCS

Supervisors Absent:

Chairman Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Lupe Carrasco 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; Lupe Carrasco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Presentations:

BLM Interns Dempsey, Wyatt, and Brian gave a great overview of their activities last summer and their plans for the next year as Dempsey and Wyatt continue in our early college intern program as seniors and Brian continues through another source since graduating. They took on more responsibilities this summer, were able to work independently, and Renae reports that their work was a definite benefit the BLM office.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Mesquite spraying has been done. After a few delays because of rain, the weather was great for spraying and 60,274 acres were done under the LandVisor guarantee. It was a mix of BLM, state land, NRCS, oil & gas, and CEHMM projects.

New Business

Henry Vasquez and Fred Beard Oaths of Office -Nathan administered the oath to Fred and Henry.

Annual report- Lupe Carrasco moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the annual report. Motion passed unanimously.

Seed cost share program- after discussion, staff will work on details to present at the next meeting.

Brush Control- D Simmons, L Tanner, J Bindel - Lupe Carrasco moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the applications. Motion passed unanimously.

Shade Balls- none

Reports

NRCS –See attached.

NMDA –See attached.

NMACD –None

USFS –None

ECES – none

CID- none

CSWCD – The fair was a successful event with CSWCD winning the Best Educational Booth award.

Others-

Closed Session: 10-15-1 (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters-

Jim Carr moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to close the public meeting and adjourn to a closed session at 6:53pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Fred Beard moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded to return to the public meeting at 6:57pm. Motion passed unanimously. Upon return into the open session Kristin Pope moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded to approve ending Emily Metcalf's probationary period and approving her as a full-time employee with health benefits and retirement plan as of 8/11/2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi Wilkie

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr