

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

Supervisors Present

Kristin Pope
Lupe Carrasco
Jim Carr
Fred Beard

Others

Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA-phone
Riki Lopez-CSWCD
Emily Metcalf-CSWCD-phone
Richard West-HDWD
Woods Houghton-HDWD

Raquel Chacon-NRCS
Merceidez Fabok_NRCS
Heath Willingham-HDWD
Wyatt Toothman-BLM

Supervisors Absent: Nathan Jurva, Charles Goodwin

Vice-Chair Kristin Pope called the committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Jim Carr moved to approve the agenda, Lupe Carrasco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

It was duly noted that Hackberry Draw Watershed District was present with a quorum during this meeting, while discussion would be made about business, no actions would be voted on.

Presentations: Merceidez Fabok from NRCS discussed the two breeches on flood diversion site 2 within the Hackberry Draw Watershed District. Merceidez and Raquel from NRCS toured the sites this afternoon with HDWD supervisors and documented the destruction to the diversion. Merceidez will write a report and file it on their findings from the tour.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Jim Stovall has retired.

New Business

Fencing contract renewal: Lupe Carrasco moved and Fred Beard seconded to renew the fencing contract with Guadalupe Mountain Fencing for one more year with no changes in the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Insurance: It was discussed that after attending the training in T or C last week the district needed to add some insurance policies to be better prepared for any incidents that could happen. Riki will initiate getting policies for a bond and a directors' and officers' liability policy. Jim Carr moved and Fred Beard seconded to obtain the policies. Motion passed unanimously.

Board email addresses: Jim Carr moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded to approve setting up individual email addresses for each board member. Motion unanimously.

Hackberry Incident: Heath Willingham presented the issue that is happening with flood water diversion 2(FWD2) within the Hackberry Draw Watershed District (HDWD). On 2-27-26 NRCS was notified by Sandi Wilkie that Kinetik Gas Gathering LLC (contractor), (Heath stated Delta Construction was the contractor overseeing pipeline construction) had made two cuts about 2 to 2.5 feet deep into the top of the FWD2. After finding out who had made the cuts on FWD2 and told to stop all work on the diversion, Sandi notified HDWD on 3-5-26 of the incident. Heath notified all contacts on the emergency action plan, contacted the pipeline company and told them to stop all work on the diversion. The contractor had proceeded to "fix" the mistake themselves and in doing so widened one of the cuts from 21ft wide to about 60ft wide according to Heath. The contractor halted work and put up barrier markers as asked. It was discussed to get all structures within HDWD put on the one call list and have the county accessors office had detailed legal descriptions of all structures into county records. These are suggestions that will be made to HDWD at their next meeting. Merceidez will research and

gather all files she can pertaining to HDWD and send to Sandi. Emily will work on getting all structures mapped so it is easier for the structures to be found and identified.

Brush Control – J. Scott, R. Balderama: Jim Carr moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the applications. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

NRCS –See attached. Brush control will be paid at \$25/acre

NMDA –See attached.

NMACD –None

USFS –None

ECES – none

CID- none

CSWCD – Otis drainage project started this morning.

Others- none

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Riki Lopez

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr