

Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
May 12, 2025, 6pm
In person and Teleconference

Supervisors Present

Nathan Jurva
Jim Carr
Fred Beard
Lupe Carrasco-phone

Others

Sandi Wilkie – CSWCD-phone	Renae Cox-BLM
Riki Lopez-CSWCD	Wyatt Toothman-BLM
Ria Jarquin-Lewis-CSWCD	Mariah Hughes-BLM
Ray Keller-CSWCD-phone	Brian Hughes-BLM
Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA	Alexander Reed- BLM
Raquel Chacon- NRCS	Dempsey Folsom-BLM
Rick Ledbetter-RSWCD-phone	

Supervisors Absent: Kristin Pope, Henry Vasquez, Charles Goodwin

Chairman Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

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

Fred Beard moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; Jim Carr 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.

Presentations:

Rick Ledbetter of Roosevelt SWCD reviewed the cloud seeding handouts he provided. He explained that there was no state funding for the project this year and what he presented was the best option they could come up with.

The Early college interns gave their end of semester presentations and shared their future plans.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Austin and Ty are getting Landvisor system updates for the Devon mesquite project. Need to check with the State Land Office on their mesquite. Raquel sent Ty all of her numbers for creosote and mesquite for this year, about 27,000 acres total.

New Business

Appointed Supervisor recommendations- Jim Carr moved and Lupe Carrasco seconded to approve Fred Beard and Henry Vasquez as appointed supervisors. Motion passed unanimously.

FY26 Budget- Fred Beard moved and Jim Carr seconded to approve the resolution. Roll call vote: Nathan Jurva Aye, Fred Beard Aye, Lupe Carrasco Aye, Jim Carr Aye, Kristin Pope Abs, Henry Vasquez Abs, Charles Goodwin Abs.

Roosevelt RAIN (Rain Augmentation in NM) continued partnership- no action taken after discussion.

Aerial Herbicide RFP Contract approval- Jim Carr moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Brush Control – R Meade, J Travelstead, J Cunningham, C Ogden Fred Beard moved and Jim Carr 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 –

Others- None.

Closed session – limited personnel matters- Fred Beard moved to adjourn to closed session for discussion of limited personnel matters at 7:26pm. Jim Carr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fred Beard moved and Jim Carr seconded to reopen the regular meeting at 7:57pm. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Carr moved and Fred Beard seconded to offer the position of GIS Specialist to Emily Metcalf at a rate of \$38 per hour, as a seasonal/temporary employee until the end of a probationary period of up to nine months. If further negotiations are needed, the hiring committee can adjust accordingly. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi Wilkie

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr