

**Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
December 9, 2024 6pm
In person and Teleconference**

Supervisors Present

Nathan Jurva
Jim Carr
Charles Goodwin-phone
Fred Beard
Henry Vasquez

Others

Sandi Wilkie – CSWCD	Renae Cox-BLM
Riki Lopez-CSWCD	Bailey Boyd-BLM
Ray Keller-CSWCD-phone	Brian Hughes-BLM
Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA	Wyatt Toothman-BLM
Raquel Chacon-NRCS	Dempsey Folsom-BLM
Alexander Reed-BLM	Sophia Towson-BLM

Supervisors Absent:, Kristin Pope, Lupe Carrasco

Chairman Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Henry Vasquez 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; Henry Vasquez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentations: The Early College BLM interns gave a presentation on their year so far. They shared a power point describing their projects and their goals.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Spraying of creosote and juniper started last week of December. There have been some fog delays but 16500 acres in Indian Basin have been treated and 2400 at Carrizozo. Another 1650 acres of Juniper at Corona will get finished this week.

New Business

Early College Intern program-Jim Carr moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to sponsor the BLM internship program at the Early college for \$40,000 to get through the summer program. Motion passed unanimously.

Mileage and per diem review-Fred Beard moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to approve the rate at the IRS rate for last year (.67 per mile). Motion passed unanimously.

Envirothon-Fred Beard moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to sponsor the event with \$1000. Motion passed unanimously.

CTE Business Advisory Meeting-No action taken

New office furniture and equipment-Jim Carr moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to approve the purchase of new office furniture and equipment to facilitate the addition of a new staff member with a budget of up to \$10,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Pecos Pupfish listing-[Federal Register :: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Threatened Species Status With Section 4\(d\) Rule for Pecos Pupfish and Designation of Critical Habitat](#)- no action taken. Info shared with the board.

Brush Control — B Allen-Fred Beard moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to approve the application for \$2500. Motion passed unanimously.

Shade Balls- none

Reports

NRCS –See attached.

NMDA –See attached.

NMACD –None

USFS –None

ECES – none

CID- none

CSWCD –

Others- None.

Meeting was adjourned to enter closed session to discuss limited personnel matters at 7:06. Closed session was adjourned at 7:25 and regular meeting was resumed. Concerning the discussion in the closed session: Fred Beard moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to offer the position on Noxious Weed Coordinator to Ria Jarquin-Lewis at \$25 per hour with a probationary period of up to 6 months. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi Wilkie

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr