

Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
March 11, 2024 6pm
In person and Teleconference

Supervisors Present

Nathan Jurva
Jim Carr
Kristin Pope
Henry Vasquez

Others

Sandi Wilkie – CSWCD	Renae Cox-BLM
Riki Lopez-CSWCD	Nathan Spenser-BPA
Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA-phone	Seann Hijada- BPA
Raquel Chacon- NRCS	Gabby Coughlin-Envirothon
Ray Keller-CSWCD-phone	Dan Austin-phone

Supervisors Absent: Fred Beard Lupe Carrasco Charles Goodwin

Chairman Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:19 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; Kristin Pope 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.

New Business- Audit Resolution VIII-Dan Austin went over the FY23 audit. There were no findings. Kristin Pope moved to accept the resolution. Jim Carr seconded. Roll call vote: Nathan Jurva -Aye; Jim Carr-Aye; Henry Vasquez-Aye; Kristin Pope-Aye; Lupe Carrasco- Abs; Charles Goodwin-Abs; Fred Beard- Abs.

Presentations: Nathan Spencer and Seann Hijada gave a presentation on this year’s BPA projects and teams going to Nationals. Kristin Pope moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to sponsor the teams for \$5000. Motion passed unanimously. Gabby Coughlin gave a presentation on the Envirothon program and the need for teams from the southeast corner of NM. Discussion was held on what could be done to promote the program as well as the possibility of sponsorship for the state champion team to go to Nationals.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – Spraying continues on 2900 acres of creosote in the Dexter area, then onto Owl Draw area for 4000 acres. Having to reschedule around windy days. Reclamations underway.

New Business

Envirothon- see above

BPA- see above

Gopher Tail Bounty changes- Henry Vasquez moved and Kristin Pope seconded to add “participants must be a resident of the CSWCD” and “pocket gophers” to the guidelines for the program, effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

Fencing RFP-contractor approval- Jim Carr moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to approve the Fencing RFP recommendations by the evaluation committee and issue a contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Aerial Application contract renewal- Kristin Pope moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to approve the contract extension. Motion passed unanimously.

Mastication contract renewal- Kristin Pope moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to approve the contract extension. Motion passed unanimously.

NMSLO MOA-Jim Carr moved and Kristin Pope seconded to approve the MOA with the NM State Land Office. Motion passed unanimously.

DND Subdivision- Kristin Pope moved and Henry Vasquez seconded to update and send the letter of recommendations from October of 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

Brush Control -- R Lewis- Jim Carr moved and Henry Vasquez seconded the approval of the application. 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- upon return from closed session, the board approved a 5% raise for all employees for FY 25, starting July 1, 2024.

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi Wilkie

Chairman- Nathan Jurva

Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr