Minutes Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District October 14, 2024 6pm In person and Teleconference

Supervisors Present Others

Nathan Jurva
Sandi Wilkie – CSWCD
Mackenzie Mayes-Loving FFA

Riki Lopez-CSWCD
Kabree Lara-Loving FFA

Kristin Pope
Katie Kuthraupt-NMDA-phone
Charles Goodwin-phone
Karen Menetrey- Rio Grande Return
Fred Beard
Andy Robertson-Saint Mary's Univ
Javier Diaz-Loving FFA

Thomas Petterson-Loving FFA

Supervisors Absent: , Henry Vasquez Lupe Carrasco

Chairman Nathan Jurva called the committee meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Kristin Pope moved to approve the agenda, Jim Carr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kristin Pope moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; Charles Goodwin 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: Loving Middle School FFA students and instructor gave an presentation on wanted classroom hydroponic systems. Board discussed the need and as there are over 80 students currently enrolled in that program, saw the need for two systems. Kristin Pope moved and Fred Beard seconded to purchase two systems for the Loving Middle School FFA program. Motion passed unanimously.

Karen and Andy shared a presentation on mapping wetlands in New Mexico.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – 17k acres of creosote have been identified and spraying is being planned. In the new fiscal year we have \$1.3 million for reclaim activities, an added \$1 million for African Rue treatments for the next four years. Planning is being done for mastication work in the Lesser Prairie Chicken area.

New Business

Loving FFA Hydroponics-see above

Reclamation Contracts-Kristin Pope moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the contract extensions. Motion passed unanimously.

Hand herbicide RFP- Kristin Pope moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the recommendations of the evaluation committee and issue contracts to the two respondents. Motion passed unanimously.

NFWF Partners meeting-No action taken. Meeting will be December 2-3

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

Brush Control — J. Rose, J. Kruegel, C. Sapien- Jim Carr moved and Kristin Pope seconded to approve the applications. Motion passed unanimously.

Shade Balls- J Rose- Kristin Pope moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the applications. Motion passed unanimously.

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 reviewed the possible retirement preparations for Ray Keller. They also established some of the items to be included in the job description for the new Noxious Weed Coordinator position as follows: Salary dependent upon experience, probationary period of up to 6 months before insurance coverage would begin, must be able to travel, must hold a valid drivers license, must be insurable, must be able to lift up to 50 lbs., must be able to acquire a pesticide applicator's license. Kristin Pope moved and Fred Beard seconded to approve the job description. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at:8:04 p.m.		
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi Wilkie		
Chairman- Nathan Jurva	Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Carr	