

**CORONADO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**El Zocalo Event Center**  
**264 S. Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo, NM 87004**  
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**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – February 20, 2020**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Montgomery at 9:05 a.m. The roll was called, and other supervisors present were Orlando Lucero, Kathleen Groody and Charles Torres, constituting a quorum. Supervisor Alfred Baca was absent from the meeting. District Manager Carolyn Kennedy was also present. The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Torres moved to approve the agenda, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

**Introduction of Guests/Reports**

Jill Mumford, NRCS  
Michael Montoya, Pueblo of Sandia  
Katherine Bruch, Sandoval County Commissioner  
Mike Neas, Placitas resident  
Susan Harrelson, Placitas resident  
Greg Bergmark, Pena Blanca resident

Mr. Wanstall, NMDA, was unable to attend the meeting, but the NMDA February 2020 report was distributed to the Board electronically and in hard copy at the meeting.

Ms. Mumford reported as follows: She will be the Acting NRCS District Conservationist until the end of March 2020. She updated the Board on current and new NRCS programs, including the rollout of the new Farm Bill. The rules will be changing for several of the programs and new application forms will be prepared for EQIP. Also discussed was the draft NRCS MOU with Coronado. She requested that the Coronado Board review the MOU and submit any suggested changes to her. Pursuant to the draft, Coronado meetings with stakeholders, as well as preparation of a long-range plan and annual action plan were discussed. The Hemp Program this year will be a research program only, but the details have not yet been worked out. The Plant Materials Center in Los Lunas will probably be involved. Gabriella Coughlin, NRCS, is a soil scientist and can help with information and assistance concerning setting up soil health workshops for local stakeholders.

Mr. Neas reported as follows: He suggested that the Coronado Board consider adopting a resolution requesting the Governor to issue an Executive Order to begin the process of developing a Special Order by OCD and OCC to best protect the entire Albuquerque Basin from oil and gas development as allowed by existing law

Mr. Montoya stated that the Letter of Agreement between Sandia Pueblo and Coronado SWCD concerning the Healthy Soil Program Grant will be on the March 4, 2020, agenda for approval of the Tribal Council. Also, he announced that Sandia Pueblo's Earth Day celebration would be held on April 25, 2020, and that Coronado was invited to have a display table at the event.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Groody made a motion to approve the minutes of Coronado's regular meeting on January 16, 2020, Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Financial Report**

Ms. Kennedy gave the financial report, noting Wells Fargo bank balance on January 31, 2020, as follows:

State/Local Government Checking: \$22,840.62

## **Approval of Bills**

None needing approval. Ms. Kennedy stated that she had bought office supplies (printer ink and steno pads) on Coronado's account at Office Depot for a total amount of \$67.77.

## **Correspondence**

A list of relevant correspondence received since the last meeting was distributed to the Board at the meeting.

## **Staff Report**

Ms. Kennedy did not prepare a written report for this meeting but reported as follows: *Placitas Acequias Reservoir Renovations*: She attended a meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at INTERA Inc. with Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Couch, Apple Mountain Constructors (the Contractor) and Southwest Liner Systems. Work on Las Huertas Community Ditch Reservoir Improvements is scheduled to begin on or about May 1, 2020. Mr. Couch prepared a summary of the meeting, which was distributed to the Board. If the 2020 capital outlay bill is signed by the Governor, Coronado is slated to receive an additional \$109,350 for the reservoir renovations project. This may cover the cost of improvements to one additional reservoir.

Mr. Montgomery announced a break at 10:35 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.

## **Board Reports**

Mr. Montgomery reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting: Soil and Water Conservation Day at the Legislature on 1/21/20 (also attended by Mr. Lucero and Ms. Kennedy; Coronado had a display table); Acequia Day at the NM Legislature on 1/29/20 (participated with pala in March around the Roundhouse and met with legislators); MRCOG Water Resources Board meeting on 2/5/20 (quorum not present); an MRGCD meeting with collaborative agencies on 2/7/20 (Mr. Hamman called the meeting to explore how other agencies could collaborate with MRGCD on conservation practices); an NM Green Amendment meeting on 2/9/20 (Maya Rostrum, the Delaware River Keeper, has been conducting meetings across the country to encourage states to adopt a green amendment; it is expected that such an amendment will be introduced in the next NM Legislature); a meeting at INTERA with Apple Mountain Constructors to discuss submittals needed prior to commencement of construction on the Las Huertas Community Ditch Reservoir in the Cibola National Forest); Regenerative Agriculture Day in Santa Fe on 2/14/20 (Christine Cook, renowned soil health expert from Australia, was the principal presenter); and a Sandia Collaborative Meeting on 2/18/20 (Mr. Montgomery gave an update on the Las Huertas Community Ditch Reservoir Improvements project).

Ms. Groody reported as follows: With respect to the medical pot/water issue in Sile and Pena Blanca, it is still unresolved. Neither operation has a valid agricultural water right permit. She brought a report from the State Engineer's Office on the two medical cannabis operations, which Ms. Kennedy will scan and distribute to the Board electronically.

Neither Mr. Lucero nor Mr. Torres had a report.

## **Unfinished Business**

A. BOR Basin Study MOA—The MOA has been finalized and is ready for signature by Coronado. It was distributed to the Board electronically and in hard copy at the meeting. After discussion, Mr. Lucero moved to approve the MOA, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the MOA was approved unanimously.

**New Business**

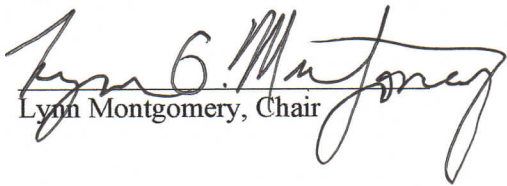
- A. Appoint Associate Supervisors—Mr. Montgomery moved to reappoint Patricia Bolton and Mary Catherine Baca and to appoint Susan Harrelson as Associate Supervisors, Mr. Lucero seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- B. Letter re Produced Water Act Rule-making—Ms. Groody made a motion to approve the letter to be sent to the NM Environment Department and other agencies, Mr. Lucero seconded the motion, and the letter was approved unanimously
- C. NRCS-CSWCD MOU—Discussed previously.
- D. Donation to NM Envirothon 2020—Mr. Lucero made a motion to donate \$300 to NM Envirothon 2020, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the donation was approved unanimously.
- E. Donation to BEMP—Mr. Lucero made a motion to donate \$200 to the Bosque Ecological Monitoring Program, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the donation was approved unanimously.
- F. Donation to 2020 Agricultural Education Institute—Mr. Lucero made a motion to donate \$100 to the Agricultural Education Institute, Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion, and the donation was approved unanimously.

**Upcoming Events**

Upcoming meetings, events and due dates were listed on the agenda and reviewed by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Lucero made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes by Carolyn Kennedy

  
Lynn Montgomery, Chair

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Orlando J. Lucero, Secretary-Treasurer