

CORONADO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
El Zocalo Event Center
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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – September 17, 2020
[Meeting Held Online via Zoom]

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Montgomery at 9:12 a.m. The roll was called, and other supervisors present were Alfred Baca, Kathleen Groody and Charles Torres, constituting a quorum. Supervisor Orlando Lucero was absent from the meeting due to technical difficulties. Associate Supervisor Susan Harrelson and District Manager Carolyn Kennedy were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Torres moved to approve the Agenda and Mr. Baca seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

Introduction of Guests/Reports

Brent Van Dyke, NMACD

Mr. Van Dyke reported as follows: NMACD has finished the regional meetings. At the Region 1 meeting, Mr. Montgomery was elected Vice Chair. The Annual Meeting will be held online on 11/10/20, and Outstanding district applications and resolutions are being reviewed.

Neither Mr. Wanstall, NMDA, nor Mr. Meairs, NRCS, were able to attend the meeting, but the NMDA September 2020 report was distributed to the Board electronically prior to the meeting

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020, meeting and Mr. Torres seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report

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

State/Local Government Checking: \$34,483.34 (includes first State Allotment for FY21--\$15,690.83)

Since Coronado has some extra funding, Mr. Van Dyke suggested that the District approve a cost-share program. He will provide some materials.

Approval of Bills

None needing approval.

Correspondence

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

Staff Report

Ms. Kennedy reported as follows: *Placitas Acequias Reservoir Renovations*: Construction of the Las Huertas Reservoir Improvements project in the Cibola National Forest began 9/1/20 and Apple Mountain Constructors is presently excavating the reservoir to engineer specification. The liner is set to be installed in a couple of weeks. There was an engineer inspection last week, and everything is going fine. Additional capital outlay funding for improving Placitas acequia reservoirs awarded in 2020 in the amount of \$190,350 has not yet been processed by the NM Dept. of Agriculture. *WQ&C Grant*: Coronado was awarded a grant to rehabilitate an acequia ditch in Placitas in the amount of \$12,436.14, and the P.O. was received 9/16/20. *Healthy Soil Program Grant on Behalf of Sandia Pueblo*: The project is underway after a delay caused by the Pueblo's closure due to COVID-19.

Board Reports [5 Minutes Each]

Mr. Montgomery reported that he had attended the following online meetings since the last Board meeting: MRG Water Advocates Annual Meeting on 8/25/20 (current officers were re-elected: Theresa Cardenas, President; Norm Gaume, Vice President; and Carolyn Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer); Healthy Soil Webinar, entitled Restoring Soil Health in Degraded Uplands, on 8/26/20; NMACD Region 1 meeting (Mr. Montgomery was elected Vice Chair); a talk by Alan Savory and Jody Butterfield on 8/27/20 about their lives and experiences in land regeneration; Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance meeting on 8/28/20 (current projects and proposals were discussed); NM Acequia Association presentation--Vamos a Guardar la Cosecha: Food Preservation with the Acequia Harvest--9/3/20; Healthy Soil Webinar on Restoring Soil Health in Fields Affected by Sediment on 9/9/20; BOR Basin Study Partners Meeting on 9/10/20 (Coronado is a partner in the Study); Rio Puerco Management Committee Reorganization Meeting on 9/14/20 (the Committee was renamed Rio Puerco Watershed Coalition and NMACD is assisting with structuring it as a regional organization unaffiliated with the federal government); Sandia Collaborative meeting on 9/15/20 (working teams and projects were discussed); and Retake Our Democracy Panel Discussion on 9/15/20, entitled Water Quality, Policy and Management in NM (panelists were David Gutzler, Norm Gaume and Theresa Cardenas).

Mr. Torres reported that he was still looking for a Chipper Day site in the Bernalillo area. A field north of Bernalillo High School was suggested.

Neither Mr. Baca nor Ms. Groody had a report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- A. Healthy Soil Program FY21 Applications—The Board received applications from Alfred Baca, Algodones, and Paul Skrak, Pena Blanca, on 8/31/20. Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the applications and Mr. Torres seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the applications were approved unanimously with Mr. Baca abstaining with respect to his application. The Board will consult with Mr. Skrak on whether to downsize his proposed project. The deadline for Coronado to submit the applications to NMDA is 10/8/20.
- B. Letter of Support, GRGWA FY21 Water Trust Board Proposal—Mr. Torres made a motion to approve the letter of support and Mr. Baca seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the letter was approved unanimously.
- C. NMWDOC Dues FY21—Mr. Torres made a motion to approve paying annual dues of \$100 to the NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition, and Mr. Baca seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- D. Action Plan FY21—Deferred.
- E. Next Meeting Date—The Board agreed either to cancel or change the date of the October Board meeting

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events, as listed on the agenda, were announced by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Baca made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Minutes by Carolyn Kennedy


Lynn Montgomery, Chair

Orlando J. Lucero, Secretary-Treasurer