

**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 – October 16, 2020**  
**[Meeting Held Online via Zoom]**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Montgomery at 9:06 a.m. The roll was called, and other supervisors present were Alfred Baca, Orlando Lucero, Kathleen Groody and Charles Torres, constituting a quorum. District Manager Carolyn Kennedy was also present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Introduction of Guests/Reports**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 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 September 30, 2020, as follows:

State/Local Government Checking: \$92,684.46 (includes \$60,285.37 NMDU reimbursement for capital outlay, CSWCD check in that amount to contractor not cleared by 9/30/20)

**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 by Apple Mountain Constructors. The project is well underway and will be completed in the next several weeks. Additional capital outlay funding for improving Placitas acequia reservoirs was awarded in 2020 in the amount of \$190,350, and Coronado has received an MOA from NMDA for signature of the Chair. *Tier 3 Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Review*: CPA James Hartogensis has completed the AUP review required by the State Auditor of the \$50,000 capital outlay funds granted to Coronado by the NM Legislature in 2016 for acequia reservoir improvements. An exit conference is

scheduled for 9/19/20. *WQ&C Grant FY21*: Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Kennedy toured the Placitas acequia improvement project with the Mayordomo and one of the landowners to prioritize tasks. *Healthy Soil Program Grant FY 20 on Behalf of Sandia Pueblo*: The project is underway after a delay caused by the Pueblo's closure due to COVID-19 and will be completed by the deadline of 10/31/20. *Healthy Soil Program FY21*: Two applications were submitted to the Program by the deadline of 5:00 p.m. 10/8/20, for Paul Skrak of Pena Blanca, NM, and Alfred Baca, Algodones, NM. Ms. Kennedy learned at a Soil & Water Conservation Commission meeting on 9/12/20 that 50-60 applications had been received and would be evaluated and awards made by the end of the year. *Points System Worksheet*: Due to COVID-19, the points worksheet for the FY21 state allotment to SWCDs will be the same as last year—only the first five items, which are required by state law, will need to be completed.

### **Board Reports [5 Minutes Each]**

Mr. Montgomery reported that he had attended the following online meetings since the last Board meeting: BOR Basin Study Meeting on 9/21/20 to discuss membership of SWCSs in Agriculture Sector (also attended by Jeff Goebel and Ms. Kennedy); a two-day NMSU Healthy Soil Workshop on 9/22/20 and 9/23/20; a Webinar on Maintaining Soil Health in Fields with Native Soil on 9/23/20; an NM Acequia Association presentation, Vamos a Amar las Semillas: An Introduction to Why and How We Save Seeds, on 9/24/20; NMACD Zoom Conference on 9/28/20 (Mr. Montgomery introduced himself as a returning Board member); a tour of the Placitas acequia ditch improvements for the FY21 WQ&C grant on 9/29/20 (also attended by Ms. Kennedy); a joint NRCS -Valencia, Ciudad and Coronado SWCDs Local Work Group meeting on 10/6/20 (NRCS priorities for FY21 programs were discussed); SWCC meeting on 10/12/20 (newly appointed Commissioners were introduced and officers elected—Eddie Vigil, Chair, and Steve Glass, Vice Chair); NM Trust Bill and Our Watersheds meeting on 10/12/20 (presentation by Brent Van Dyke, NMACD); MRG Water Advocates Board meeting on 10/13/20; BOR Basin Study Agriculture Sector meeting on 10/14/20 (Basin Study goals concerning agriculture were discussed and an outline prepared); NM First webinar on the Agri-Futures Program in Los Ranchos on 10/14/20 (presentation by Fergus Whitney, Ag Program Manager); NMSU Soil Health Tech Tools Watch Party on 10/14/20 (also attended by Ms. Harrelson); and Rio Grande Water Fund Annual Meeting on 10/15/20 (included presentations on watershed restoration in South Africa and Valles Caldera).

Ms. Groody reported that she had also attended the Local Work Group meeting on 10/6/20 and noted that a Valencia SWCD board member reported that she was unable to plant a cover crop due to lack of irrigation water.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

A. Action Plan, Fy21—Deferred.

### **New Business**

- A. NACD Dues, FY21—Mr. Torres made a motion to approve annual dues to NACD in the amount of \$250 and Mr. Lucero seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Adjust Budget Lines, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Budget Report, due to SWCC 10/31/20—Ms. Kennedy will submit a Corrected FY21 Budget, as the WQ&C grant was reduced slightly, and the Quarterly Report by the due date.
- C. Rio Puerco Watershed Coalition—Mr. Montgomery stated that Coronado was continuing to be involved in organizing the Coalition, which will replace the Rio Puerco Management Committee since the Committee was disbanded because of BLM's new bureaucratic requirements.
- D. BOR Rio Grande Basin Study—Discussed previously.

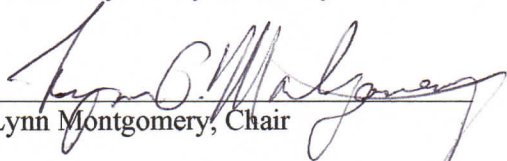
### **Upcoming Events**

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 9:52 a.m.



Minutes by Carolyn Kennedy

  
Lynn Montgomery, Chair

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Orlando J. Lucero, Secretary-Treasurer