

**CORONADO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**El Zocalo Event Center**  
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**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – November 19, 2020**  
**[Meeting Held Online via Zoom]**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Montgomery at 9:03 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 made a motion to amend the Agenda, moving New Business, Item A—Rio Puerco Watershed Coalition after Approval of Agenda, and Mr. Torres seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

***New Business***

A. Rio Puerco Watershed Coalition—Mr. Singleton, former Chair of the Rio Puerco Management Committee (RPMC), stated that the RPMC, which had been under BLM sponsorship for many years, was dissolved because of onerous new federal requirements. He is interested in reforming the RPMC as a citizen-based coalition with leadership coming from the Upper Rio Puerco and Cuba areas. The current Watershed-Based Plan approved by EPA now includes irrigated lands, and an acequia group is interested in joining. Coronado and Cuba SWCDs have been active in the RPMC in the past and are interested in co-sponsoring the new organization. There would need to be a formal agreement between the two SWCDs and a subsequent agreement with NMACD in order to formalize the coalition and seek grant funding. Mr. Montgomery made a motion for Coronado to work with Ms. Spradley and Cuba SWCD on formulating an agreement. Mr. Torres seconded the motion. Ms. Kennedy conducted a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Introduction of Guests/Reports**

Ed Singleton, Rio Puerco Watershed Coalition  
Chris Daul, Assistant to Sandoval County Commissioner Katherine Bruch  
Casey Spradley, District Manager, Cuba SWCD

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Baca made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 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 reported the Wells Fargo bank balance on October 31, 2020, as follows:

State/Local Government Checking: \$121,001.36 (includes \$90,877.27 NMSU reimbursement for capital outlay, but CSWCD check in that amount to contractor not cleared by 10/31/20; therefore, effective end-of-month balance is \$30,124.09)

## **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 and is now basically completed. *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. *WQ&C Grant FY21*: A revised budget was approved by NMDA and work has begun. *Healthy Soil Program Grant FY 20 on Behalf of Sandia Pueblo*: The project will be completed by the deadline of 10/31/20.

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

Mr. Montgomery reported that he had attended the following online meetings since the last Board meeting: Exit Conference with James Hartogensis on the AUP Tier 3 procedures required by the State Auditor for the 2016 Capital Outlay Grant—there were no findings; Sandia Collaborative meetings on 10/20/20 and 11/17/20; NM First Webinars on agricultural issues on 10/21/20 and 11/17/20; NMACD Board Meeting on 10/26/20; WRRRI 65<sup>th</sup> Annual NM Water Conference 10/26/20-10/29/20 (several half-day sessions); Soil Health Tech Tools Watch Party on 10/28/20 (with Ms. Harrelson); Quivira Coalition Regenerate 2020 Conference on regenerative agriculture on 10/29/20-11/19/20 (included a 3-part workshop on soil health for tech services providers, six roundtables, keynotes by Vandana Shive, Joe Maxwell and Mary Berry, and film “Gather”); NMACD Resolutions Committee meeting on 10/30/20; NMWDOC webinar on engineering ethics re capital infrastructure projects on 10/30/20; NMACD Annual Meeting on 11/10/20; RAID Alliance planning meeting on 11/13/20; and NM Acequia Ass’n Pre-Congreso Platica on Water Repartimiento & Reflections on Ongoing Drought.

Ms. Groody reported concerning the pot farm issue that they were expecting a letter from the Office of the State Engineer but had not yet received it. She also reported that MRGCD is requesting land to lie fallow because of the drought and will be paying \$150/acre.

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

## **Unfinished Business**

A. Action Plan, Fy21—Deferred.

## **New Business**

A. Rio Puerco Watershed Coalition—Discussed previously.

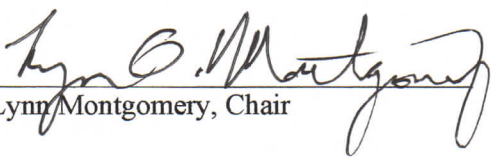
B. BOR Rio Grande Basin Study—Mr. Montgomery reviewed the Study, stating that Coronado had joined the Agriculture Sector and that BOR was going to release a draft Plan of Study soon.

## **Upcoming Events**

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

Mr. Torres made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes by Carolyn Kennedy

  
Lynn Montgomery, Chair

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Orlando J. Lucero, Secretary-Treasurer