

**CORONADO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – December 19, 2019**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Montgomery at 9:00 a.m. The roll was called, and other supervisors present were Alfred Baca, Orlando Lucero and Kathleen Groody, constituting a quorum. Supervisor Marvin Mendelow was absent from the meeting. Associate Supervisor Mary Catherine Baca and District Manager Carolyn Kennedy were also present. The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

Gabriella Coughlin, NRCS  
Chris Daul, Assistant to Sandoval County Commissioner Katherine Bruch  
Jon Couch, Las Huertas Community Ditch, Placitas  
Ashley Arrossa, INTERA Inc.  
Susan Harrelson, Placitas resident  
Brooke Wyman, Sandia Pueblo

**Bid Award, Las Huertas Community Ditch Reservoir Renovation**

Mr. Montgomery announced that the bid for the project was awarded to the low bidder, Apple Mountain Constructors, Estancia, NM. A Notice to Proceed will be issued in January 2020, weather permitting, once the necessary paperwork is completed.

**Cooperators/Guest Reports**

Ms. Coughlin, NRCS, attended for Jill Mumford, Acting District Conservationist. Ms. Coughlin is a soils expert for the District. She reviewed the highlights of the NRCS Team 2 DC Report, which was distributed to the Board electronically and in hard copy at the meeting, as follows: Pearl Armijo retired on November 30, 2019. A new Soil Conservationist, Los Lunas Field Office was hired and begins December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wanstall, NMDA, was unable to attend the meeting, but the NMDA December 2019 report was distributed to the Board electronically and in hard copy at the meeting.

There were no other guest reports.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Baca made a motion to approve the minutes of Coronado's regular meeting on November 21, 2019, Mr. Lucero seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Ms. Kennedy gave the financial report, noting Wells Fargo bank balance on November 30, 2019, as follows:

State/Local Government Checking: \$30,400.93 (Effective Balance less outstanding check--\$25,729.92)

### **Approval of Bills**

None needing approval.

### **Correspondence**

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

### **Staff Report**

Ms. Kennedy distributed a written report to the board, which she reviewed as follows:

### **Board Reports**

Mr. Montgomery reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting: An Oil & Gas Fracking Moratorium meeting at the Peace Center, Albuquerque on 11/25/19 (NM Senator Antonette Sedillo Lopez presented; if she can get it on the Governor's Call, she will be re-introducing her bill imposing a fracking moratorium until a study of its effects can be completed); a Sandia Collaborative meeting on 11/26/19 (discussed the Collaborative's recently submitted comments on the Cibola National Forest plan update); the Rio Puerco Management Committee Christmas Potluck and Meeting on 12/13/19 (Danita Burns, Area Manager, BLM, announced her retirement); and a MRG Water Advocates Board Meeting on 12/16/19.

Ms. Groody reported as follows: She spoke with the OSE re water rights of the medical marijuana operation in Sile, and found the LLC hadn't followed proper procedures, so they filed a complaint with the OSE. The OSE said the operation had a legal water right. Her opinion is that the water right is defective, and there are plans to take the issue to the AG, but there is some uncertainty as to where to elevate the issue. The UNM Law Clinic is passing the case on to the next semester. She attended a meeting at a full service hemp processing facility in Albuquerque at 5209 Hawking Drive SE (off Rio Bravo); they looked at 19 varieties.

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

Mr. Montgomery called a recess at 9:55 a.m., and the meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.

### **Unfinished Business**

A. BOR Basin Study MOA—Deferred. Ms. Wyman stated that the Pueblo of Sandia had received a revised MOA and that a conference call was scheduled for 1/13/20

### **New Business**

- A. Registrations, NM Water Dialogue, 1/9/20—Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve six registrations (\$65 each) to attend the Dialogue, Mr. Baca seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Open Meetings Act Resolution 2020—Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the Resolution, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the Resolution was approved unanimously
- C. Policy on Requested Copies 2020—Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the Policy Resolution, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the Policy Resolution was approved unanimously.
- D. Comments on NMED Statewide Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process, due 1/13/19—No action taken.
- E. Letter of Support GRGWA RCPP Proposal, North Central NM Watershed Restoration Project—Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the letter of support, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the letter of support was approved unanimously.

F. Comments on Interim Final Rule, NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), due 1/15/20—After discussion, it was decided to pass on making comments until there was more involvement in the program locally.

G. Healthy Soil Program, Education and Outreach Proposals due 1/15/20—Ms. Wyman presented a proposal from the Pueblo of Sandia to hire a part-time gardener to educate Pueblo members on gardening techniques to promote healthy soils.

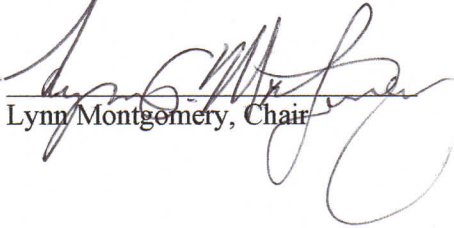
H. Soil & Water Conservation Day Display Board—Ms. Kennedy stated that Coronado's Display Board needed to be updated prior to Soil & Water Day at Legislature on 1/21/20, which would require minimal expenses, such as lamination of photographs and labels, fasteners, etc. Mr. Lucero made a motion to pay costs for updating the Board, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the motion passed 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, Ms. Groody seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes by Carolyn Kennedy



Lynn Montgomery, Chair



Orlando J. Lucero, Secretary-Treasurer