



PO Box 129, Mountainair, NM 87036 Ph: 505-847-2243 Fax: 505-847-0615

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
May 7, 2009**

**Supervisors Present:** Felipe Lovato Jr., - Chairman  
William Caster –Vice-Chairman  
J. Brian Greene, Sec. - Treasurer  
Richard Shovelin  
LeRoy Candelaria  
Jerry Melaragno

**Supervisors Absent:**

**Others Present:** Dierdre Tarr, District Manager  
Louis King, District Conservationist  
Patsy Fitzgerald  
Gary Fulfer  
Carolyn Fulfer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- The Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Felipe Lovato, Jr., Chairman at the Ancient Cities Cafe, located on West Highway 60 in Mountainair, NM at 7:30 p.m. Felipe welcomed the guests and thanked each of them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

**ABSENTEES:**

**APPROVAL/AGENDA:**

- LeRoy Candelaria moved to approve the agenda as presented. William Caster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Jerry Melaragno moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as amended. William Caster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

- Dee presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2009. A copy is attached. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** Jerry Melaragno moved to accept the report and pay the accounts payable. William Caster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- Dee reviewed the FY2010 Budget with the Board. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** LeRoy Candelaria moved to approve the FY2010 Budget as presented. Jerry Melaragno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

**NMDA REPORT:**

- Dee reviewed Roy Todd's NMDA Field Specialist monthly report with the Board. Discussion followed.

**FO REPORT:**

- Louis King's, District Conservationist, reviewed his NRCS monthly report with the Board. Discussion followed.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Dee reviewed the District Manager's report with the Board. Discussion followed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Correspondence was reviewed with the Board. See attached list.
  - Renew 09: Empowering the Land – June 23 – 24, 2009 in Tucumcari, NM
  - A workshop to prosper from the emerging renewable energy economy
  - The Region II meeting will be held on May 15, 2009 at the Cooperative Extension Complex on Rodeo Road beginning at 10:00 a.m.
  - The NMACD Summer Conference will be held on June 30-July 1, 2009 at the Ruidoso Convention Center in Ruidoso.

## UPDATE ON GRANTS:

**Watershed Health Grant** – The CORE Steering Committee is working on getting all of the projects and contracts tied to the FY2006 Water Trust Board funding completed; the reimbursements drawn down; and the FY2006 grant closed. State Forestry conducted field training for the field technicians on May 7, 2009. The CORE Steering Committee has approved a new practice plan to be used with the FY2008 Water Trust Board Funding. All practice plans will need to be signed by State Forestry before Claunch-Pinto writes the contracts for the FY2008 projects.

**Upper Rio Grande Salt Cedar Project** - The Districts are mapping and developing conservation plans for projects in each area. The Upper Rio Grande asked for \$3.7M for riparian restoration projects through NM State Forestry using stimulus funding.

**EWP Program** – We will be contracting with Ken Leiting to organize all of the pictures taken during the fire and the EWP implementation. This project is considered complete

**NMEMNRD – New Mexico Clean Energy Projects** – We have a balance of \$75,000 on this grant. There has been a change in how the remaining funding is to be used. The remaining funding will be used to complete the building design instead of an analysis of the energy savings after the building has been built.

**NMED – River Ecosystem Restoration Initiative** – Dee reported the District still does not have a contract for this grant. There seemed to be some confusion on how NMED would contract with the District.

**Ojo Peak CFRP** - Dee reported the District's portion of this grant includes pre - monitoring on the Ojo Peak Fire Area and the District's portion will be completed.

**Central NM Cooperative Weed Management Area** – There will be a GPS training workshop in conjunction with the Noxious Weed Management Workshop to be held in Moriarty on June 3-4, 2009.

### **New Grant Opportunities**

The District has been funded for the Ojo Peak and Red Canyon CFRP proposals. In the Ojo Peak CFRP there is funding for a 4-Wheeler. The District has also received funding from NM State Forestry for two Non Federal Land proposals. Dee has not submitted proposals to the Bureau of Reclamation and the NM Environmental Department 319 RFP.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Dee passed out a copy of an email that had been sent to Susan Speakman, National Park Service Regional Contractor concerning a contract with General Service Administration (GSA). The District can not proceed with planning on the portion of the building the National Park Service will be leasing until we can start working with a GSA representative. Documents have been submitted to the NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for their approval of the entrance to the property. The NMDOT has requested a cultural resource survey since the property is so close to cultural resources. The survey is being completed at a cost of \$8,100.00. We have the signs for the property. We will need to make arrangements to get them placed on the property.

The District is still working in the Corona area to find an individual to represent the Corona area on the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dee suggested the Board purchase the BC 1500 Chipper to cost \$25,448.75 from Vermeer. This is the chipper the District has been leasing for the past three months. Vermeer has given us a very good price on the chipper. Dee suggested the District finance the chipper for 24 months, but get it paid off within 12 months if possible. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** LeRoy Candelaria moved to purchase the chipper and finance the purchase price for 24 months. William Caster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Dee reviewed Budget Resolution No. 07-09. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** LeRoy Candelaria moved to approve the resolution. William Caster seconded the motion. Motion was carried by a voice vote as follows: Leroy Candelaria – yes; Richard Shovelin – yes; Brian Greene – yes; Jerry Melaragno – yes; William Caster - yes.

Dee explained NM Department of Agriculture has called requesting the District to attend the special NM Soil and Water Conservation Committee (SWCC) in Socorro on May 8, 2009 to give information on what took place at our regular meeting in October prior to our Annual meeting. The special SWCC meeting is a fact finding meeting only. The Chairman of the East Torrance SWCD had been very upset in that meeting with the Claunch-Pinto District employee. Discussion followed. The Board decided the Board Chairman, Felipe Lovato and District Manager, Dierdre Tarr should attend the special SWCC meeting and take copies of the October and November minutes describing what had taken place and how the problem had been resolved.

**REPORTS:**

- Hub RC&D – William Caster reported Hub RC&D meeting had been held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. They worked on the National meeting to be held in Albuquerque in June.

The next Council meeting was moved to June 10, 2009. William passed out a questionnaire on the Torrance County Radio Station.

- South Central Mtn. RC&D – The Council does not meeting until the end of May. They have a new Coordinator, Rick Delaco. He is currently working for the Village of Ruidoso and is the current Chairman of the South Central Mtn RC&D. Brian gave the Board more information on the Sustainable Agricultural Research Education (SARE) program.
- EBWPC –

**ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR INPUT:**

**OTHER:**

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:**

- The next Regular Meeting will be held Friday June 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Mountainair United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Mountainair, New Mexico.

**PLAN FOR NEXT MEETING:**

**ADJOURN:**

- There being no further business to come before the Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** LeRoy Candelaria moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Richard Shovelin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

/s/  
FELIPE LOVATO, JR., CHAIRMAN

/s/  
J. BRIAN GREENE, SEC.-TREA