



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 12, 2010

Supervisors Present: William Caster –Vice-Chairman
Richard Shovelin, Sec. - Treasurer
Jerry Melaragno
Dan Williams
J. Brian Greene

Absentees: Felipe Lovato, Jr. – Chairman
LeRoy Candelaria

Others Present: Dierdre Tarr, District Manager
Kenneth Branch, NRCS
Karen Smith, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by William Caster, Vice-Chairman, at the Mountainair United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, located at the corner of Sunset and Third Street in Mountainair, NM at 8:20 a.m. William welcomed the guests and thanked each of them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

ABSENTEES: Roy Todd, NMDA

APPROVAL/AGENDA:

ACTION TAKEN: Brian Greene moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dan Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION TAKEN: Jerry Melaragno moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dan Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Dee presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2010 with the accounts payable for February, 2010. A copy is attached. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** Jerry Melaragno moved to accept the report and pay the accounts payable. Dan Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Board questioned the annual commitment for the local Radio Station. Dee said she would review the contract we have with the station. The Board also requested that they are notified of any meetings scheduled by the Radio Station's Committee. Discussion followed.

Dee gave an update on the 2009 Audit. The in-house Audit is almost complete. An "exit" conference is tentatively set for Saturday, February 20, 2010. Discussion followed.

The Torrance County Treasurer made a calculation error on the property tax bills by not including the correct mil levy amount on the tax bills. A new bill will be mailed out to the landowners within Claunch-Pinto SWCD District and Torrance County. Discussion followed.

NMDA REPORT:

Dee reviewed the NMDA Field Specialist's monthly report with the Board. Discussion followed. A copy of the written report is attached.

FO REPORT:

Kenneth Branch, NRCS, reviewed Louis King's report with the Board. Kenneth reminded the Board of the 1619 Agreement with NRCS. He informed the Board that effective March 1, 2010 he will be working out of the Silver City office. The Board thanked Kenneth for his work at the Mountainair Field Office and wished him well in his new position as District Conservationist in Silver City. A copy of the written report is attached.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dierdre Tarr, District Manager, reviewed the District Manager's report with the Board. Discussion followed. A copy of the written report is attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Brian Greene made a motion to delete McCune Charitable Foundation name from the District Manager's report. Richard Shovelin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Correspondence was reviewed with the Board. See attached list.
Invitation for the East Rio Arriba SWCD Annual Meeting to be held on February 13, 2010
Taos SWCD Newsletter

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

UPDATE ON GRANTS:

The Board reviewed a written report on the following grant projects. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Watershed Health Grant Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance aka Upper Rio Grande Salt Cedar Project (GRGWA)
NMEMNRD – New Mexico Clean Energy Projects
NMED – River Ecosystem Restoration Initiative
Central NM Cooperative Weed Management Area (CNMCWMA)
CFRP Grants
Non Federal Land Grant
Non Federal Land Grant – Arturo Archuleta Project
Wildland Urban Interface Grant
New Proposal

New Grant Opportunities
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Agreement with NRCS

The NRCS Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance Agreement between the NRCS and Claunch-Pinto SWCD was reviewed by the Board. Discussion followed.
ACTION TAKEN: Brian Greene moved to approve entering into the agreement with NRCS and to have the District Vice-Chairman sign the agreement for the District. Dan Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Future Directions Committee

Dee requested the Board formalize a request to the architect that he start revising the drawings to create three separate buildings; a Federal Building, Information and Education Center and a District Building. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** Richard Shovelin moved to formally request the architect start the design of a three building complex, with the detailed focus on the Federal Building. Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dee gave the Board an update on the proposed lease with the National Park Service. The General Services Administration (GSA) has explained the District will be contacted by the broker GSA has contracted with to explain the particulars on the solicitation for leased space the broker will be advertising. The bid will need to be completed before the next District meeting. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** Jerry Melaragno moved to submit a bid from the District for the National Park Service space through the Broker. Richard Shovelin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SWCD Mil Levy Authority

New Mexico Department of Agriculture and our legal counsel requested copies of all of the documents from Torrance County concerning the IRB Contract between Torrance County and the wind farm. Our counsel has not received the requested copies; however the NMDA has received copies of the documents. Marsha Wright reviewed the documents, and compiled them into a PDF file which is available to the Board upon request. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Elections

Two polling places have been confirmed. One will be in Mountainair at the Community Center and the other will be in Corona at the Senior Citizens Center. Kathy Anglin will be the Elections Superintendent at the Mountainair location and someone will be confirmed before the next Board Meeting for the Corona location. Oaths for the Elections Superintendents will be held at the next Board Meeting.

Kids, Kows and More

Fourth graders from Mountainair, and third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders from Corona will be attending Kids, Kows, and More in Moriarty scheduled for April 29th. The District will be providing their lunches and T-Shirts for this field trip.

REPORTS:

- Hub RC&D – William Caster reported on the Hub RC&D meeting. A full Council Meeting was held at the Edgewood SWCD office on January 13, 2010.
- South Central Mtn. RC&D – Rick Delaco, RC&D coordinator is sending a monthly progress report to each District in the South Central Mtn. RC&D. A full Public Meeting was held at the Edgewood SWCD which was followed by the Regular Meeting. The RC&D has requested a letter of support from all of the SWCD's.
- EBWPC – Brian Greene reported the EBWPC held a final Public Meeting for comments on the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update at the Edgewood

SWCD office on January 14, 2010. The EBWPC met after the public meeting. A copy of the "draft" minutes from the EBWPC meeting was included in the Board packets for the Board's review.

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR INPUT:

OTHER:

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

The next Regular Meeting will be held Friday, March 5, 2010 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:** Brian Greene moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Richard Shovelin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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/s/
FELIPE LOVATO, JR., CHAIRMAN

/s/
RICHARD SHOVELIN, SEC.-TREA