



**Final  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**March 5, 2010**

**Supervisors Present:** Felipe Lovato, Jr. – Chairman  
William Caster –Vice-Chairman  
Richard Shovelin, Sec. - Treasurer  
Dan Williams  
J. Brian Greene

**Absentees:** Jerry Melaragno  
LeRoy Candelaria

**Others Present:** Dierdre Tarr, District Manager  
Louis King, 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 Felipe Lovato, Jr., Chairman, at the Mountainair United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, located at the corner of Sunset and Third Street in Mountainair, NM at 8:28 a.m. Felipe welcomed the guests and thanked each of them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

**ABSENTEES:**

**APPROVAL/AGENDA:**

Richard Shovelin moved to approve the agenda as presented. William Caster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

William Caster moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dan

Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Shovelin abstained from voting.

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

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

#### **OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

An "exit" conference for the 2009 Audit was cancelled and will be rescheduled soon. Discussion followed.

The Torrance County Treasurer has sent letters to some landowners with an explanation of the mistake concerning the District's Mil Levy. Dee will keep an eye on receipts from the Treasurer's office and will follow-up with the Board at the next meeting. 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:**

Louis King's presented his report to the Board. Discussion followed.

#### **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Dierdre Tarr, District Manager, reviewed the District Manager's report with the Board. Discussion followed. Dee mentioned the Mil Levy Resolution will be on next month's agenda. A copy of the written report is attached. Discussion followed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Correspondence was reviewed with the Board. See attached list. Tony Benson, Region II Chairman sent the District a copy of his packet from NMACD Board meeting for their review. Copies are in each board member's packet.

#### **PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

Dee passed out a copy of the draft District Manager's job description for the Board's review. She would appreciate all corrections and/or changes by the next Board meeting.

## **UPDATE ON GRANTS:**

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

Watershed Health Grant – Water Trust Board

Report from Brent Racher, District Representative to Watershed Health,  
Restoration and Monitoring Advisory Committee

NM State Forestry Grants

NFL Proposal

WUI Proposal

Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance aka Upper Rio Grande Salt Cedar Project

NMED – River Ecosystem Restoration Initiative Louis King requested the record show his concern planting non-native cottonwood within this project area. He stated this plant takes in a lot of water and therefore inappropriate for watershed re-charge.

Discussion followed. Dee explained she would follow up with SWCA Environmental Consultants and get an explanation on the plantings.

Central New Mexico Cooperative Weed Management Area

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program

Ojo Peak Restoration

Red Canyon Project

Dee passed out a “draft” wood permit to be used on the Red Canyon CFRP Project for the Board’s review. She also gave each Board member copies of the wood permits they should give to wood haulers hauling wood from their property. Discussion followed.

New Proposals:

Government Service Fund – DFA

NM State Forestry – Wildland Urban Interface

2010 Proposals to NM Water Trust Board

FY2011 Appropriations Request to Congressman Martin Heinrich &

Congressman Udall

A Keep America Beautiful Grant to develop a recycling curriculum and program for the schools within the District will be submitted today.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Future Directions Committee – Dee reported work has started on the site preparation at the building site for the Natural Resource Conservation Center. The contractor is taking trees down and chipping slash. The wood is being given to Daniel Herrera, Vice-President of La Merced de Manzano who is working with the Knights of Columbus to make sure the wood goes to people in need. Dee also reported a proposal for the GSA pre-solicitation advertisement was submitted on March 2, 2010.

SWCD Mil Levy – Dee reported she is working with State Representative Rhonda King, NM Taxation and Revenue, NM Department of Agriculture and the District’s legal

counsel, JulieAnne Leonard to get information of the District's taxing authority on the wind mills southeast of Willard. She hopes to have more to report at the next meeting. Brian Greene suggested the District work with their legal counsel to develop a bargaining policy for future IRB projects within the District.

## NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Elections – Dee reported the polling places and superintendents have been selected. The District will have two polling places: the Dr. Robert J. Saul Community Building in Mountainair and the Corona Senior Citizen's Center in Corona. Suzan Brazil had recommended the District select two Election Superintendents. With this recommendation Kathy Anglin will be the Election Superintendent in Mountainair and Janet Verna will be the Election Superintendent in Corona.

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 29<sup>th</sup> at the Moriarty Civic Center. The District will be providing their lunches and T-Shirts for this field trip. We now have confirmation of how many students will be attending this event.

Dee reviewed Resolution No. 11 – 2010, Endorsing the *Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan: year 2010 update* and the associated planning activities of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee with the Board. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** Brian Greene moved to approve the resolution. Richard Shovelin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote as follows: William Caster – yea; Richard Shovelin – yea; Dan Williams – yea; Brian Greene – yea. Dee will send a signed copy of the resolution to the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee.

Dee explained to the Board they had copies of the “draft” agreements for the loan/grant agreement for WTB – No. 143 through NM Finance Authority in their Board packets for their review. She would appreciate any comments or corrections back by Friday, March 12, 2010. The Board will be voting on the resolution needed to enter into the agreement at the April 9, 2010 meeting.

Dee reviewed the information from NM Envirothon asking for funding to help sponsor the NM Envirothon competition in Jemez Springs in April, 2010. Dee reminded the Board they had given \$500 last year. Discussion followed. **ACTION TAKEN:** Brian Greene moved to give \$500 to help sponsor the competition this year. William Caster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dee requested the Chairman appoint a Budget Committee for the FY 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. The Budget will need to be sent to NM Department of Finance and Administration by June 1, 2010. Felipe appointed William Caster and Richard Shovelin to serve on the Budget Committee.

## REPORTS:

- Crystal Tischler, Forest Health Coordinator at the Regional Office US Forest Service gave a short presentation on New Mexico Forestry Camp. Forestry Camp

will be held the week of June 6-11, 2010 in Cuba, New Mexico. Discussion followed. The Board agreed to try to sponsor at least one person to NM Forestry Camp this year.

- Hub RC&D – William Caster reported on the Hub RC&D meeting. Steve Kadas, Assistant State Conservationist/Operation with NRCS oversees the RC&D program in New Mexico. There was copy of draft minutes from the last Hub RC&D meeting in binders provided to the Board.
- South Central Mtn. RC&D –Brian Greene reported on this meeting. Discussion followed. A copy of the monthly report for the South Central Mtn RC&D was included in the binders provided to the Board.
- EBWPC – Brian Greene reported on the last EBWPC. Brian mentioned a company, Manzano Foothills Water Cooperative that owns 2450 acres within the Estancia Basin. They are seeking endorsement from EBWPC to support their plan. If they can convert their water rights they want to move their water through a pipeline to the Edgewood and Moriarty area. Discussion followed. A copy of the February, 2010 draft minutes was included in the binders provided to the Board.

**ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR INPUT:**

**OTHER:**

Richard suggested the District send a “thinking of you” card to Wanda Giovengo from the Board concerning the illness of her son-in-law.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:**

The next Regular Meeting will be held Friday, April 9, 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 10:00 a.m. Richard Shovelin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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FELIPE LOVATO, JR., CHAIRMAN

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RICHARD SHOVELIN, SEC.-TREA