



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 3, 2020**

Supervisors Present: Felipe Lovato, Jr., Chairman
LeRoy Candelaria
David Cain
Robin Dunn
Larry Gomez
Jack Lockridge
Dan Williams

Absentees:

Others Present: Ernie Taylor, USFS
Katheryn Taylor, CPSWCD, volunteer

CALL TO ORDER:

The Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District (CPSWCD) regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Felipe Lovato, Jr., Chairman, via conference call at 8:01 a.m.

Welcome Attendees:

The chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for calling in.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The board reviewed the agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Jack Lockridge moved to approve the agenda. Robin Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote: Robin Dunn, aye; Larry Gomez, aye; Jack Lockridge, aye; David Cain, aye; LeRoy Candelaria, aye; Felipe Lovato, aye; Dan Williams, aye.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION TAKEN: Jack Lockridge moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2020 as read. LeRoy Candelaria seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote: Robin Dunn, aye; Larry Gomez, aye; Jack Lockridge, aye; David Cain, aye; LeRoy Candelaria, aye; Felipe Lovato, aye; Dan Williams, aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The board reviewed the treasurer's report for the month of March, 2020 with accounts payable for April, 2020. **ACTION TAKEN:** Jack Lockridge moved to approve the treasurer's report for March, 2020 and pay the accounts payable for April, 2020. Robin Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote: Robin Dunn, aye; Larry Gomez, aye; Jack Lockridge, aye; David Cain, aye; LeRoy Candelaria, aye; Felipe Lovato, aye; Dan Williams, aye.

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The district manager mentioned that NRCS has requested that the district buy a piece of equipment. She will place the request on the agenda for the next meeting.

REPORTS:**New Mexico Department of Agriculture:**

No report.

NRCS Mountainair Field Office Report:

There is no report, but an email from the Team 5 farm bill program specialist, Nadine Lucero, is included that announces that the application deadline for CSP is May 27, 2020 and applications are available upon request.

District Manager's Report:

The district manager referred board members to her written report included in the board email packets.

CORRESPONDANCE:

The district manager received a request from the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts to pay dues. She will put the request on the agenda for the next meeting.

UPDATE ON GRANTS:

The district manager's written report on grants is in the board's email packets and includes:

- Watershed Health Grant – Water Trust Board (WTB);
- The NM State Forestry Grant;
- BNSF Railroad Project;
- Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP);
- Forest and Watershed Restoration Act (FAWRA Funding);
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCCP);
- New Mexico State Park Project;
- FEMA Grant Proposal.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that in the Gallinas area, no Spotted Owl habitat has been found, so perhaps work can take place on the project in the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Capital Outlay****Shop Building - Report:**

The district manager contacted Mike Valdez to contract for the work on the shop building. He is finishing another project and can then start on the district's building.

Purchasing a ¾ Ton Vehicle for the District:

The district manager submitted a request for a three-quarter ton work truck. The district's request is still in the state budget for \$60,000. Previously, she asked for two vehicles but was only approved for one.

Torrance and Lincoln County Wind Energy, Corona Wind Companies, Western Spirit Transmission Line:

Previously, the district manager met with the lawyer, the PRC, and Pattern Energy but has nothing further to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint a Budget Committee:

Jack Lockridge, David Cain, and LeRoy Candelaria volunteered to serve on the budget committee.

Appointed Supervisor – Dan Williams:

Mr. Williams was asked if he would agree to continue to serve on the board, but he declined. He will continue to remain on the board until another member can be appointed, and he will work with the district manager to identify potential candidates from the Corona area.

REPORTS:

New Mexico Coalition of Conservation Districts:

The district manager reported that the NMCCD has hired Jason Espinosa to track conservation issues in New Mexico for the coalition. In particular, he will follow the bill to establish a 150-million-dollar trust fund for natural resources and conservation. The bill includes non-profit organizations which could then compete with soil and water conservation districts and tribes for funding. Mr. Castile will provide monthly reports.

South Central Mountain RC&D:

No report.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee:

No report.

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR INPUT:

OTHER:

The district manager said that she is able to keep the district's crew working, and Anita Ortiz is working from home to keep the district's Facebook page updated.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

PLAN for NEXT MEETING:

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, May 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Natural Resource Conservation Center, 1206 South Highway 55 in Mountainair, NM.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the regular meeting of the Claunch-Pinto Board, David Cain moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 am. Jack Lockridge seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote: Robin Dunn, aye; Larry Gomez, aye; Jack Lockridge, aye; David Cain, aye; LeRoy Candelaria, aye; Felipe Lovato, aye; Dan Williams, aye.

FELIPE LOVATO, JR., CHAIRMAN

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