

Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District 103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801 January 13, 2025 12:00 PM

Present: Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, Sefie Anaya, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Daniela Rivera, and Andrew Lotrich-Socorro County Manager.

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:02 pm by Vice-chairman Chris Lopez.

The **agenda** passed unanimously following a motion by Vernon Leseberg and a second by Sefie Anaya.

The **December 9, 2024** minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Vernon Leseberg and a second by Sefie Anaya.

Andrew Lotrich-Socorro County Manager: Mr. Lotrich attended the board meeting to introduce himself to the board. Staff had discussed with him earlier the issues regarding the software issue and lack of payment of mil levy funding to the Socorro SWCD. He got with the Treasurer's office and they put pressure on the software company to fix the issue. Socorro SWCD has now received their funding from November and December. He also told the board that is they need anything to get a hold of his office and if we are going after any grants to get with him and see if the County can assist.

Board Officer Elections: On a motion by Sefie Anaya and second by Vernon Leseberg, the officers will remain the same: Edward Harris as Chairman, Chris Lopez as Vice-chairman and Vernon Leseberg as Secretary/Treasurer. No other motions came from the floor. This passed unanimously.

Items:

Financial:

Treasurer's Report and Voucher Payments: See attachment. This was unanimously accepted as presented following a motion by Sefie Anaya and a second by Vernon Leseberg.

Office Building Update: Moses Law Firm has finally responded and stated that they will be getting with us soon to set up a meeting. Andrew Lotrich asked several questions regarding what has occurred to date. He took down some information and stated that he would see if the County can be of any assistance.

Budget Amendment Resolution #2025-3 DFA Approval: See attachment. Our budget amendment adding in the LOE Noxious Weed grant funding and expenditures has been approved by DFA.

FY 2025 2nd Quarter Report and Letter to DFA: Nyleen discussed the budget with the board. The auditor has had us change payroll and liabilities categories in QuickBooks. Currently we have to manage the items in 2 payroll systems to get the numbers for the quarterly reports. Hopefully this will be resolved when the new fiscal year begins. The second quarter budget report and letter to DFA passed unanimously following a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by Sefie Anaya.



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Cost Share:

Update: See attachment. Daniela gave an update on the financial status of the cost share program.

Agricultural Applications: Application for Steven Durand-pull gates, Craig Sicher-land leveling, Ted Saavedra-land leveling and Linda Rosales-land leveling were received.

Residential Application: One application was received from Anne Doerpinghans was received for rain barrels. She however, already purchased her rain barrel. She was able to get a really good sale price. All applications for agricultural and residential were approved unanimously following a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by Sefie Anaya.

NMDA Report: See attachment.	
Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 12:45 pm.	
Chairman	Date