

Minutes
Carlsbad Soil and Water Conservation District
9 August 2010

Supervisors Present

Nathan Jurva
George Wheeler
Tyson Mahaffey
James Walterscheid
Henry Vasquez
Ridley Gardner

Supervisors Absent

N/A

Others

Judy Bock - CSWCD
Judith Ortego – CSWCD
Roy Todd – NMDA
Brent Van Dyke – NMACD
Jim Carr

Chairman Ridley Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Nathan Jurva moved approve the minutes, Tyson Mahaffey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nathan Jurva moved to approve the financial reports, George Wheeler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Henry Vasquez and James Walterscheid arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Appoint Supervisor Replacement – A motion was made by Nathan Jurva to move Tyson Mahaffey from Position 6 to Position 4 and to appoint Jim Carr to Position 6. The motion was seconded by Henry Vasquez and passed unanimously.

Election of Officers - Chairman – Chairman Gardner opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Ridley Gardner was nominated. Chairman Gardner called for further nominations two more times. James Walterscheid made a motion to close nominations and elect Ridley Gardner by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Tyson Mahaffey and passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair – Chairman Gardner opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Nathan Jurva was nominated. Chairman Gardner called for further nominations two more times. James Walterscheid made a motion to close nominations and elect Nathan Jurva by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Tyson Mahaffey and passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer – Chairman Gardner opened the floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. James Walterscheid was nominated. Chairman Gardner called for further nominations from the two more times. No further nominations were made. Nathan Jurva made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Tyson Mahaffey and was passed unanimously. Chairman Gardner called for the vote to elect James Walterscheid to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. The vote was unanimous.

Appoint Committees – Chairman Gardner appointed James Walterscheid to the Personnel and Finance Committees and will appoint other committee members as needed.

Unfinished Business

Project Updates

BLM – NFWF; Non-Native Phreatophyte; Eddy Cty Commissioners – See Attached Reports – Judy Bock stated that extraction work on the Pecos will be completed August 10, 2010. BLM fire crews are burning piles of treated saltcedar as time and weather conditions allow. Extraction is planned for on Hay Hollow and Cottonwood Draw. Dry Hole marker replacement has resumed.

Bingaman – Six Mile Island – See Attached - Judy Bock reported that bird nesting poles are being installed and the kochia growing in the project area will be treated.

BOR - See Attached

NMSWCC Richardson Project – See Attached

NMED RERI Delaware Project – Judy Bock said that this project began on July 1, 2010. The Environmental Assessment is being developed for the project. The project plan will be written soon. The project will primarily consist of replacing damaged fencing, installing solar pumps and maintenance on other infrastructure.

WIPP Salt Tailings – Judy Bock stated that the first load of salt was loaded and transported to Magnum Minerals. Representatives from DOE, Magnum Minerals and Carlsbad SWCD were on hand at the inaugural load. There are still details to be worked out on the project, but it is progressing forward.

Carlsbad Veterans Memorial Park – Judy Bock said that after reviewing the project area and discussing with Joe Epstein what he would like to see accomplished with the project, that it will take approximately one day to remove the saltcedar from the area. The adjacent landowner will also be contacted to seek a landowner agreement to remove the saltcedar along the river bed from their property as well. This will enhance the overall project. A motion was made by Nathan Jurva to set the funding amount for the Carlsbad Veteran’s Memorial Park project to up to five thousand dollars. The motion was seconded by James Walterscheid and passed unanimously.

Reports –

Eddy County Fair – Judith Ortego reported that the booth at the fair was successful. Many people asked questions and received rain gauges and showerheads.

New Business

Correspondence

General – The general correspondence was reviewed by the Board.

Upper Hondo letter to NMACD with response – NMACD August newsletter – Reviewed by the Board.

NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition dues – A motion was made by Nathan Jurva to approve payment of \$100 for annual dues to the NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition. The motion was seconded by James Walterscheid and passed unanimously.

Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce dues – A motion was made by Nathan Jurva to approve payment of \$125 to the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce for annual dues. The motion was seconded by Tyson Mahaffey and passed unanimously.

NMACD Capacity Building Survey – Brent Van Dyke, NMACD Government Affairs Director, spoke to the Board about his new position and requested that the members complete the Capacity Building Survey that was developed by NMACD. Van Dyke asked if there were any specific issues that the Board would like to have addressed by NMACD and if there was any legislation that they would like to have presented during the Legislative Session.

Annual Newspaper Insert – The Board reviewed the Annual Newspaper Insert. Judy Bock asked that everyone read the report and if any changes need to be made, to please contact the office by August 13, 2010.

Annual Report to NMSWCC – A motion was made by George Wheeler to approve the FY 2010 Annual Report to the NM Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Henry Vasquez and passed unanimously.

4-Drawer lateral fireproof file purchase approval – A motion was made by Tyson Mahaffey to approve the purchase of two 4-drawer lateral fireproof file cabinets from Sparks Office Supply. The motion was seconded by George Wheeler and passed unanimously.

Shower-head purchase – A motion was made by Nathan Jurva to approve the purchase of 500 Niagara Conservation Earth 2.0 gpm showerheads. The motion was seconded by Tyson Mahaffey and passed unanimously.

Brush Control – Phil Carrell - Y7 Ranch - James Knott - Frank Martino - Mike Ackman – A motion was made by Nathan Jurva to approve the brush control applications for Phil Carrell, \$1,000; Y7 Ranch, \$5000; James Knott, \$5000; Frank Martino, \$2000; and Mike Ackman, \$5000. The motion was seconded by Henry Vasquez and passed unanimously.

Reports

NRCS – See Attached

NMDA – See Attached

ECES – None

CSWCD - See Attached

Comments – None

Adjourn –The meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judith Ortego.

Chairman- Ridley Gardner

Secretary/Treasurer – James Walterscheid