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New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) Meeting

Whitfield Wildlife Center
2424 NM-47, Belen, NM 87002

April 16, 2019

11:00 am

Minutes

All items for discussion and possible action

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Commissioners Estrada and Sharp were absent. Because of an emergency, Commissioner Norris attended via phone. All other commissioners were present (see roll call).
2. Approval of Agenda: The Dona Ana zoning issue and the NMACD report were moved before public comment. Commissioner Glass moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Sidwell seconded and the motion was passed by all commissioners present.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (10-28-2018): Commissioner Sidwell moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Glass seconded and the motion was passed by all commissioners present.

Old Business

4. Dona Ana zoning issue (Dusty Hunt): Chairman Hunt presented a writ of mandamus from the Third District Court that directs the SWCC rescind the approval for Dona Ana SWCD's boundary zones within 60 days. After discussion, Commissioner Sidwell moved to rescind the approval of the boundary zones. Commissioner Glass seconded and the motion was passed by all commissioners present.
5. NMACD report: Debbie Hughes (NMACD) presented a legislative report to the SWCC (see reports)

New Business

- 6. Public Comment (*2 minutes per person*): none
- 7. San Juan/McKinley boundary modification: Patricia Depner (NMDA) presented the request for the boundary modification between San Juan and McKinley SWCDs. After Discussion, Commissioner Glass moved to approve the modification. Commissioner Sidwell seconded and the motion was passed by all commissioners present.

8. Mil Levy resolutions:

- Upper Hondo \$0.50
- Edgewood \$1.00
- Tierra y Montes \$1.00
- Taos \$1.00
- Western Mora \$1.00
- Carrizozo \$1.00
- Chaves \$1.00
- Hagerman-Dexter \$1.00
- Mesa \$1.00
- Socorro \$1.00
- Upper Chama \$1.00
- East Rio Arriba \$1.00
- Ute Creek \$1.00

Commissioner Norris moved to approve the mil levy resolutions. Commissioner Sidwell seconded and the motion was passed by all commissioners present.

9. Appointed Supervisors

- Carrizozo: L. Sultemeier (6), K. Wilson (7)

Commissioner Sidwell moved to approve the appointed supervisors. Commissioner Glass seconded and the motion was passed by all commissioners present.

Reports/Verbal Highlights (5 min. each; written reports required 72 hours in advance)

10. Commissioners: Commissioner Glass: Valencia SWCD: upcoming Earth Day Fest; received 2019 capital outlay for new building; collaborating with MRGCD 2019 Farm Bill flood operations program; two Water Quality and Conservation (WQ&C) grant proposals submitted; new property in collaboration with Fish and Wildlife Service at Rio Abajo conservation area. San Juan: passed boundary modification; capital outlay for new building, stream bank stabilization project on animas river; BMP workshop for riparian landowners in June; grain harvesting low impact development in May; volunteer Katrina Bryant received volunteer of the year. Ciudad: collaborating with city, county Nature Conservancy; tree stewards training program-trained 25 volunteer tree stewards to help city/county maintain the trees; taking over master naturalists program in Bernalillo County-180 trained master naturalists volunteers that assist with natural resources on city/county land and will get 30 more volunteers working with the Nature Conservancy to revitalize the arid low impact development initiative including a workshop in September; submitted a WQ&C grant proposal; signed contract with county/city to do watershed based plan for upper Tijeras; submitted a NFL grant proposal.

Chairman Hunt: Wildland urban interface is active; submitted RCP grant for Grant SWCD for forest thinning; conducted supervisor training. Sierra: received WTB grant for Tiffany fire rehab; agriculture cost-share program going well.

Commissioner Sidwell: Southwest Quay had annual meeting in February with Central Curry, Roosevelt and Border. Roosevelt and Border still working on weed problem; Roosevelt shade ball program going well-saves hundreds of gallons of water. Can shade balls be cost share under NRCS? Javier (NRCS) reported NRCS is looking into it on national level. Southwest Quay: watershed level measurements.

Commissioner Norris: Met with Marvin Nash (Wyoming) regarding filtration for water reclamation and have some producers ready to try out system. Not up to drinking standards, but can reuse the water. Watching contamination issue at Canon Air Force Base-where the contaminated water was applied to land it will not be able to be used for any food or fiber anymore and had to down 3000-4000 cows and the family that drank water is affected with cancer-causing agents.

11. Governor's Office

12. New Mexico Department of Agriculture: Ms. Depner gave report
13. Natural Resources Conservation Service: Javier Montoya gave report
14. Farm Service Agency
15. New Mexico Environment Department
16. Water Quality Control Commission
17. National Association of Conservation Districts
18. New Mexico Coalition of Conservation Districts
19. NMSU College of Agriculture: Bruce Hinrichs (Cooperative Extension) gave report
20. New Mexico Conservation District Employees
21. Next Meeting: TBA
22. Adjourn Commissioner Sidwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Glass seconded and the motion was passed by all commissioners present.