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New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) Special Meeting

**Via teleconference
Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

9:00 am

Minutes

All items for discussion and possible action

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Commissioners Lopez and Garcia joined the meeting late. All other commissioners were present-see roll call
2. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Glass Moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bierner seconded and the motion passed by all commissioners present-see roll call vote.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March 23, 2022): Commissioner Glass had three corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Glass moved to approve the amended minutes. Commissioner Harden seconded and the motion passed by all commissioners present-see roll call vote.

Commissioner Garcia joined the meeting at this point, 9:06am

New Business

4. Public Comment (*2 minutes per person*): none

Old Business

5. \$3Million SWCD Legislative Appropriation: Call for Pre-proposals from Districts: Chair Vigil reported the subcommittee met last week and created a call for pre-proposal letter. Jim Wanstall (NMDA) presented the preproposal letter. The projects should fit within the purpose of the soil and water conservation district (SWCD) act. There is a 2-page limit, including budget, pictures and maps. The reason for the pre-proposals is to see what kind of projects the SWCDs want to do with the legislative appropriation. Commissioner Garcia asked if there will be more guidance on how the funds will be

spent once the proposals are submitted. Chair Vigil said after the pre-proposals are in, the subcommittee will meet again to see what kind of projects are proposed.

Commissioner Lopez joined the meeting at this point

Commissioner Harden asked for an explanation about water disposal on item 3 of the pre-proposal letter. Julie Maitland (NMDA) said it is straight from the SWCD act, and should be beneficial application of water, but proper disposal of water is probably old state engineer language. Commissioner Harden said many SWCDs in his region are interested in water harvesting and asked if these funds could be used for this, if there is a maximum grant per SWCD, and how will the funds be distributed. Chair Vigil said the committee didn't want to set limits yet because they don't know what kind of projects would be submitted. Commissioner Glass said the subcommittee will look at the pre-proposals and determine which will be asked to submit a full proposal. Once the actual projects are selected NMDA will handle the funding distribution. Debbie Hughes (NMACD) asked if the funds could be spent on equipment, technical help, and administration costs. Commissioner Bierner said the SWCDs could get administration and technical costs, but equipment that can be purchased through capital outlay funding should be the route SWCDs take, although nothing is certain at this point. Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the letter. Commissioner Sharp seconded, and the motion passed unanimously-see roll call vote.

6. Adjourn: Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bierner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously-see roll call vote.