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**New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) Meeting**  
**Via teleconference**  
**June 29, 2023**  
**9:00 am**  
**Minutes**

All items for discussion and possible action

1. Call to order and roll call: Commissioners Lopez and Sharp were absent. All other commissioners were present-see roll call vote.
2. Approval of agenda: Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Glass seconded and the motion passed-see roll call vote.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes (6/20/2023): Commissioner Harden moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Glass seconded and the motion passed-see roll call vote.

**New Business**

4. Public comment (*2 minutes per person*):
5. Water Quality and Conservation (WQC) FY24 Grant Review Subcommittee Funding Recommendations and Awards: Commissioner Glass commented the proposals were all great projects and wished there was more money to fund more projects. Many proposals this year were high dollar projects. Chair Vigil stated some projects were unfunded projects from last year's SWCC \$3 million state appropriation. Commissioner Glass asked how to get more funding for the WQC grant. Debbie Hughes (NMACD) stated the WQC grant began over 20 years ago and was originally \$150,000, but that amount has been reduced over the years to just over \$100,000. The upcoming legacy funding could be used to increase the WQC grant. Chair Vigil asked Julie Maitland (NMDA) if the legacy funding could be used for this purpose. Ms. Maitland replied NMDA is working on the plans for the funding, including the Healthy Soil Program and the need for a noxious weed coordinator and related projects. Ms. Maitland said the WQC grant has

limitations, and it may be prudent to use the legacy funds for more general soil and water conservation district projects.

Commissioner Glass moved to approve the recommendations for funding. Commissioner Harden seconded and the motion passed-see roll call vote.

6. Next meeting: TBA

7. Adjourn: Commissioner Glass moved to approve the adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconded and the motion passed-see roll call vote.