

**TAOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR ONLINE/VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
9:00 A.M.**

(Meeting Agenda posted on www.tswcd.org website at approx. 3:00 pm on 9/11/2020)

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Meeting ID: 879 1944 7826

DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Maureen Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Board of Supervisors Attendance:

Maureen Johnson (Chairman)	Present
Stephen Trujillo (Vice-Chairman)	Present
Dennis Cruz (Secretary/Treasurer)	Present
Andy Martinez (Member)	Absent
Mary Lane Leslie (Member)	Present
George Long (Member)	Present – <i>joined at 11:10 a.m.</i>
Lloyd Archuleta (Member)	Present

Other Attendance:

Peter Vigil (TSWCD District Manager)
Tanya Duncan (TSWCD Finance Manager)
Charlotte Martinez (TSWCD Administrative Services Manager)
Fritz Hahn (Town of Taos Councilor)
David Griego (NRCS)

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. September 16, 2020 – Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to approve the September 16, 2020 Agenda as with one correction (Item VII. A. 1. – change “product” to “project”. Lloyd Archuleta seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

III. GUEST

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting – After review, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve the August 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Dennis Cruz seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. August 2020 Financial Report – Tanya Duncan reviewed the August 2020 Financial Report with the Board noting that \$2.09 in LPL cash account interest was omitted from the July 2020 Financial Report. Mrs. Duncan also reported on the status of the BLM Livestock Well near Ute Mountain. Maureen Johnson reviewed the Chairman Johnson August-September 2020 Transaction Report. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to file the August 2020 Treasurer’s Report for audit with best information provided. Dennis Cruz seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. NRCS Report – A written NRCS Report was provided and Mr. Greigo discussed the report. Mary Lane Leslie asked what the overall New Mexico budget was. Mr. Griego didn’t have final numbers for that. After review and discussion, Mary lane Leslie made a motion to accept the written and verbal NRCS Reports for September 2020 and include them as part of the minutes. Lloyd Archuleta seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

- B. Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report – Jim Wanstall provided a written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for September 2020. After review and discussion, Lloyd Archuleta made a motion to accept the written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for September 2020 and include it as part of the minutes. Mary Lane Leslie seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

VII. TAOS SWCD REPORTS

- A. District Manager’s Report – Peter Vigil reported that he has prepared the FYE21 Annual Plan and the FYE20 Annual Report. He also reported that the Taos County Assessor’s Office is planning to use our old office space at the Juan I. Gonzales Agricultural Center so Taos SWCD field staff is working on moving old furniture into a storage unit. He was assured by Taos County Manager Jaramillo that Taos SWCD would continue to have use of the storage building over there. Mr. Vigil reported on various large acequia projects that are underway. Finally, Mr. Vigil reported on a new soil health poster contest and other grant projects. Stephen Trujillo asked if the Rio Lucero project is located on Taos Pueblo. Mr. Vigil responded that this is a project that involves private landowners, Taos Pueblo, and the Forest Service. Fritz Hahn asked if Peter thought the Taos County CWMA should organize it’s own mitigation group to address noxious weed infestations that are located within the Town of Taos. Mr. Vigil responded that he thought that was a good idea. Mr. Hahn also asked to meet with Mr. Vigil regarding Vigil y Romo acequia technical assistance. After discussion, Dennis Cruz made a motion to accept the verbal District Manager’s Report and include it as part of the minutes. Stephen Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

1. WCS 04-18-19 Special Project Status & Design Funding Allocation – Peter Vigil presented details on the Trampas Diversion Dam project (WCS 04-18-19) noting that the Acequia Committee (Dennis Cruz, Stephen Trujillo, and Andy Martinez) are in support of this recommendation. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to designate WCS 04-18-19 as a special project and to allocate \$10,122.00 for associated engineering costs. Dennis Cruz seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

*** *The board took a break at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.****

- A. Annual Plan 2020 – Peter Vigil presented a draft FYE21 Annual Plan. The board discussed revisions to the draft FYE21 Annual Plan which were reflected in Mr. Vigil’s on-screen draft. After discussion, Dennis Cruz made a motion to approve the FYE21 Annual Plan as revised. Mary Lane leslie seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	yea

- B. Forest Health Determinations – Tanya Duncan presented Mr. Carpenter’s funding recommendations (with prioritization as listed below, with the highest priority at the top) for the Forest Health Program’s 2019-20 Batching Period II. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve/deny applications as detailed below. Mary Lane Leslie seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea – <i>abstained on application #037</i>
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	yea

<u>Application:</u>	<u>Status:</u>	<u>Funding:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
050-19-20	Approved	\$ 4,400.00	El Rito
053-19-20	Approved	\$ 4,266.00	Chamisal
047-19-20	Approved	\$ 6,654.00	Tres Piedras
044-19-20	Approved	\$ 4,266.00	San Cristobal
038-19-20	Approved	\$ 2,196.00	Cañon
066-19-20	Approved	\$ 1,279.80	Deer Mesa

018-19-20	Approved	\$ 1,066.50	Talpa
002-19-20	Denied	\$ 0	Taos Ski Valley
037-19-20	Denied	\$ 0	El Valle – recommended to reapply

- C. Acequia Determinations – Peter Vigil presented the Acequia Committee’s funding recommendations and prioritization for FYE20 Batching Periods 1 & 2 (see attached). Mr. Trujillo noted that any approval contingencies determined by the Acequia Committee (easement requirements, etc.) must be included on the final attachment to the minutes. Mr. Vigil added that the letter notifying applicants of denials will include an offer of technical assistance. Finally, Mr. Vigil noted that application 2 in the north has an allocation of \$0 because they are using funding from a previously approved project. After discussion, Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to approve/deny applications as recommended by the Acequia Committee. Lloyd Archuleta seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea – <i>abstained on application 023</i>
Andy Martinez	absent – <i>conflict of interest RE application 112</i>
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	absent

- D. Taos SWCD 2020 Annual Meeting –After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to postpone this item until the November 2020 regular board meeting. Dennis Cruz seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	absent
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	yea

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. BLM Well Project Up-date – This item was covered earlier under item V. A.
- B. Region II meeting was held on August 26, 2020 and Taos SWCD’s nomination for JMA Ranch to receive the Outstanding Stewardship Award was submitted. ~~there~~.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Local Work Group Meeting – September 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM – login info on Taos SWCD website.
- B. Taos SWCD Office will be closed on October 12, 2020 in observance of Columbus Day
- C. Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting – October 21, 2020

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Chairman _____Maureen Johnson

Finance Manager _____Tanya Duncan

Prepared: 9/16/2020

Approved ____/____/2020

- As Presented
- With Corrections