

**TAOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR ONLINE/VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

(Meeting Agenda posted on www.tswcd.org website on 8/13/2021)

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DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Maureen Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Board of Supervisors Attendance:

Maureen Johnson (Chairman)	Present
Stephen Trujillo (Vice-Chairman)	Present
Dennis Cruz (Secretary/Treasurer)	Present
Andy Martinez (Member)	Present
Mary Lane Leslie (Member)	Present – <i>left at 11:15 AM</i>
George Long (Member)	Present
Lloyd Archuleta (Member)	Present

Other Attendance:

Peter Vigil (TSWCD District Manager)
Charlotte Martinez (TSWCD Administrative Services Manager)
Jim Wanstall (NMDA – Soil & Water Conservation Specialist)
David Griego (NRCS – District Conservationist)
Fritz Hahn (Town of Taos Councilor)

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. August 18, 2021 – Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 Agenda as presented. Stephen Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

III. GUEST

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. July 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting – After review, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve the July 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes with one correction: delete “No action was taken.” From Page 5, Item VIII. A. 2. Lloyd Archuleta seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. July 2021 Financial Report – Peter Vigil reviewed the July 2021 Financial Report with the Board and Maureen Johnson reviewed the Chairman Johnson JUL21/AUG21 Transaction Report. After discussion, Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to file the July 2021 Financial Report for audit with best information provided. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. NRCS Report – David Griego presented verbal and written NRCS Reports. Taos SWCD has agreed to host the 2021 Local Workgroup meeting via Zoom. After review and discussion, Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to accept the verbal and written NRCS Reports for August 2021 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	yea
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	yea
George Long	yea

- B. Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report – Jim Wanstall provided verbal and written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Reports for August 2021. After review and discussion, Dennis Cruz made a motion to accept the verbal and written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Reports for August 2021 and include them as part of the minutes. George Long seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea

Dennis Cruz yea
 Andy Martinez yea
 Lloyd Archuleta yea
 Mary Lane Leslie yea
 George Long yea

VII. TAOS SWCD REPORTS

A. District Manager’s Report – Peter Vigil reported that a Healthy Soils grant has been approved (\$11,400) and we will began work in the Fall. He also reported that ISC funding for large acequia projects will be increasing. Mr. Vigil met with the Ballejos Ditch where it was decided to hold off on the project to see if they can get an increase in cost-share assistance from ISC. Special use permits are required. After further discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the District Manager’s verbal report and include it as part of the minutes. Dennis Cruz seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

1. Project Determinations – Peter Peter Vigil presented FYE21 Cost Share Applications with committee recommendations for approval or denial. After further discussion, George Long made a motion to approve/deny the following applications:

<u>App. #:</u>	<u>Status:</u>	<u>Funding:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
SR 016-20-21	Approved	\$ 4,500	Placitas (Peñasco area)
SR 026-20-21	Approved	\$ 4,500	Vadito
SR 008-20-21	Approved	\$ 4,500	Amalia
SR 018-20-21	Denied	<u>\$ 0,000</u> \$13,500	Rec’d funding for FY21 – eligible FY23
RI 003-20-21	Denied	\$ 0,000	Acreage requirement not met
RI 009-20-21	Approved	\$ 3,500	Needs recommended management plan
RI 037-20-21	Approved	<u>\$ 4,500</u> \$ 8,000	High priority
OTH 015-20-21	Denied	\$ 0,000	LCP – no crop, native willow removal
OTH 002-20-21	Postponed	<u>\$ 0,000</u> \$ 0,000	Refer to BP1, FYE22

Total Allocation: \$21,500

Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson yea
 Stephen Trujillo yea
 Dennis Cruz yea
 Andy Martinez yea
 Lloyd Archuleta yea

Mary Lane Leslie yea
George Long yea

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2021-22 Annual Plan – The Annual Plan Committee (Maureen Johnson, Dennis Cruz, and Lloyd Archuleta) met previously and presented a draft Annual Plan for FYE22. After review and discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the FYE22 Draft Annual Plan 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 yea
Lloyd Archuleta yea
Mary Lane Leslie absent
George Long yea

- B. NRGNHA Phase II Grant Submission for Taos County CWMA – The Taos County CWMA is hoping to apply for funds that would cover the cost of hiring a youth crew for thistle mitigation along the Rio Fernando. This project is follow-up for the 2021 youth noxious weed mapping project that was just completed. A small portion of the funds would be used to treat one small Russian knapweed infestation with multiple intensive mowing efforts (down to dirt), plastic covering, and seeding for competition. As per the formal agreement between Taos SWCD and the Taos County CWMA, the CWMA must get TSWCD approval for grants that would entail Taos SWCD acting as fiscal agent. The proposed amount requested is around \$5-6K and would entail Tanya Duncan serving as youth crew lead for eight days during the summer of 2022 (in-kind for grant) unless more Taos County CWMA members step forward to volunteer their time. Fritz Hahn added that Shannon Rhomling from Amigos Bravos will write the grant and the grant deadline is September 15, 2021. He added that the proposed youth pay rate is \$15/hour to make the positions more appealing. After further discussion, Lloyd Archuleta made a motion to approve grant submission and fiscal oversight of this grant request. Dennis Cruz seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

- C. 2021 Annual Meeting

1. Agenda – After a discussion regarding the current status of the COVID-19 Pandemic and confirmation from Jim Wanstall that the annual meeting is not required, Dennis Cruz made a motion to cancel the previously-scheduled (9/17/2021) in-person Annual Meeting and to note that a potential virtual meeting will be considered at a later time. Lloyd Archuleta seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson yea
Stephen Trujillo yea

Dennis Cruz yea
Andy Martinez yea
Lloyd Archuleta yea
Mary Lane Leslie absent
George Long yea

2. Budget – No action taken.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. DFA Letter – The board acknowledged that the Taos SWCD 2021-22 final budget has been approved by DFA.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Regular Board Meeting – September 15, 2021
- B. Taos SWCD Annual Meeting – September 17, 2021
- C. SW Region Meeting – August 30-31, 2021 – Jackson, WY
- D. NMACD Annual Meeting – November 8-10, 2021 – Albuquerque, NM

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Chairman _____Maureen Johnson

Administrative Services Manager _____Charlotte Martinez

Prepared: 8/18/2021

Approved ____/____/2021

- As Presented
- With Corrections