

**TAOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR ONLINE AND IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

The meeting was available at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85163370943?pwd=ak9VUC9kYXZiQVVBhNkNaR3U2dkFSUT09>
Meeting ID: 851 6337 0943 - Passcode: soil
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(Meeting Agenda posted on www.tswcd.org website at approx. 5:06 pm on 8/11/2023)

DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Board of Supervisors Attendance:

Maureen Johnson (Chairman)	Present
Stephen Trujillo (Vice-Chairman)	Present
George Long (Secretary/Treasurer)	Present
Dennis Cruz (Member)	Present
Andy Martinez (Member)	Present
Lloyd Archuleta (Member)	Absent
Mary Lane Leslie (Member)	Present – arrived at 9:13 a.m.

Other Attendance:

Peter Vigil (TSWCD District Manager)
Charlotte Martinez (TSWCD Administrative Services Manager)
Tanya Duncan (TSWCD Finance Manager)
David Griego (NRCS District Conservationist)
Michael Purdy (NMDA Soil & Water Conservation District Specialist)
Will Jaremko-Wright (Taos County Extension Agent)

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. August 16, 2023 – Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve the August 16, 2023 Agenda with one deletion (item IX. D). George Long seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

III. GUEST

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. July 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting – After review, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve the July 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes with one correction: Change Chairman Maureen Johnson to Vice-Chairman Stephen Trujillo after the adjournment section. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. July 2023 Financial Report – Tanya Duncan reviewed the written July 2023 Financial Report. After discussion, Dennis Cruz made a motion to file the July 2023 Treasurer’s 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
George Long	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	yea
Lloyd Archuleta	absent
Mary Lane Leslie	yea

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. NRCS Report – David Griego verbally reviewed the written NRCS Report for August 2023. After review and discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to accept the written and verbal NRCS Reports for August 2023 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
George Long	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	yea
Lloyd Archuleta	absent
Mary Lane Leslie	yea

- B. Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report – Michael Purdy verbally reviewed the written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for August 2023. After review and discussion, George Long made a motion to accept the written and verbal Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Reports for August 2023 and include them as part of the minutes. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

VII. TAOS SWCD REPORTS

- A. District Manager's Report – Peter Vigil reported that the NM Retiree Healthcare Association declined the request for attendance at a Taos SWCD board meeting. Stephen Trujillo requested a copy of the Retiree Healthcare Associations letter explaining the program. Peter Vigil responded that he will get that letter to Supervisors. Mr. Vigil also reported that the District's Chevy Tahoe was vandalized while at the Chevrolet Cadillac of Santa Fe. The dealership would not take any responsibility overall the experience was negative. After discussion, Mary Lane Leslie suggested contacting the Attorney General's Consumer Department to report the issue. Mr. Vigil then reported that one of our Acequia Program projects that was approved for assistance with a ditch liner. The Cooperator picked up the liner but installed it without coordination with Taos SWCD field staff. As a result, the liner was not installed correctly and is leaking due to a hole that was cut for an irrigation outlet. He was able to negotiate a temporary solution of plugging the hole and then he will assist the landowner with applying for ISC funds to pipe that section of the ditch instead. Mr. Vigil then reported on progress with human resources contractors, the ongoing River Stewardship projects in Vadito, other ongoing grant projects and requests for an old project's financials and animal damage program participants. 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
George Long	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	yea
Lloyd Archuleta	absent
Mary Lane Leslie	no vote

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Taos SWCD Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony – After discussion, Dennis Cruz made a motion to change the Annual Meeting & Award Ceremony date from September 8, 2023 to September 15, 2023. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

After further discussion, Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to award Simon Romero and Serge F. Kovaleski the Conservation Media award for their August 13, 2023 article in the New York Times about Invasive Species. George Long seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FH 20-22-23 Project Cancellation – Tanya Duncan reported that the landowner for this approved project scheduled an orientation within the allowable window but never showed up. Mrs. Duncan made several

attempts to reschedule (via email) but received no response. The final email notified the landowner that failure to respond would result in cancellation of her project. After review and discussion, Dennis Cruz made a motion to cancel FH 20-22-23 due to no contact and failure to complete orientation/paperwork within allowable timeframe. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
George Long	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	yea
Lloyd Archuleta	absent
Mary Lane Leslie	no vote

- B. Taos SWCD Annual Report of Activities & Annual Plan – Peter Vigil presented the draft Annual Report of Activities for FYE23 and the Annual Plan for FYE24. After review and discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve the Annual Report of Activities and Annual Plan as working documents. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
George Long	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	yea
Lloyd Archuleta	yea
Mary Lane Leslie	no vote

- C. Request for Approval of Registration, Per Diem (or Actuals) & Mileage for attendance at the NM Watershed & Dam Owner's Coalition Annual Meeting October 4-6, 2023 in Albuquerque, NM –After discussion, Dennis Cruz made a motion to approve registration, per diem (or actuals) & mileage for board members and/or staff to attend the NM Watershed & Dam Owner's Coalition Annual Meeting to be held October 4-6, 2023 in Albuquerque, NM . Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll-call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	yea
Stephen Trujillo	yea
George Long	yea
Dennis Cruz	yea
Andy Martinez	yea
Lloyd Archuleta	absent
Mary Lane Leslie	no vote

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Will Jaremko-Wright introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his first two months as Taos County Extension Agent.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Taos County Fair – August 25-27, 2023
B. Local Work Group Meeting with NRCS in Hernandez – August 30, 2023

- C. Taos SWCD Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day – September 4, 2023
- D. Taos SWCD Annual Meeting – Friday, September 15, 2023
- E. Next Regular Board Meeting – September 20, 2023
- F. NMACD Annual Meeting in Albuquerque – November 7-9, 2023
- G. NACD Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA – February 10-14, 2024

IX. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Chairman _____Maureen Johnson

Finance Manager _____Tanya Duncan

Prepared: 8/16/2023

Approved ____/____/2023

- ☐ As Presented
- ☐ With Corrections