

**TAOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR ONLINE AND IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

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(Meeting Agenda posted on www.tswcd.org website at approx. 10:52 pm on 11/15/2024)

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)	Absent
Andy Martinez (Member)	Present
Mary Lane Leslie (Member)	Present via Zoom

Other Attendance:

Peter Vigil (TSWCD District Manager)
Tanya Duncan (TSWCD Assistant District Manager)
Veronice Quintana (TSWCD Administrative Assistant)
Vernon Mirabal (NRCS District Conservationist)
Kenny LaCome (WCS 20-21-22)
Greg Miller (Landowner)
Fritz Hahn – (Former Town Councilman) joined via Zoom
Jake Beechler (USDA Wildlife Services)

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. November 20, 2024 – Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to approve the November 20, 2024 Agenda with one correction: Item IX., F – change “Resolution 004-24-25 Meeting Dates” to “Resolution 003a-24-25 Meeting Dates”. Steve Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

III. GUEST

- A. Kenny LaCome – Mr. LaCome expressed his appreciation for accessibility modifications made to his Taos SWCD water control structure (WCS 20-21-22).
- B. Greg Miller – Mr. Miller expressed his interest in serving as an appointed board member on the Taos SWCD board of supervisors.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting – After review, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the October 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Steve Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. October 2024 Financial Report – Tanya Duncan reviewed the written October 2024 Financial Report and Maureen Johnson reviewed the Chairman Johnson Financial Report. After discussion, Steve Trujillo made a motion to file the October 2024 Treasurer’s Report for audit with best information provided. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- B. FYE25 Qtr. 1 Budget Report to DFA – Tanya Duncan reviewed the written FYE25 Qtr. 1 Budget Report to DFA noting that the DFA Budget Reporting Portal was not functioning correctly in October, so this item had been postponed. No action was taken at this time.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. NRCS Report – Vernon Mirabal reviewed his written NRCS Report for November 2024. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to accept the written and verbal NRCS Reports for November 2024 and include them as part of the minutes. Mary Lane Leslie seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- B. Taos County Extension Report – Will Jeremko-Wright did not submit a report for NOV24.

- C. USDA-APHIS Animal Damage Report – Jacob Beechler gave a verbal USDA-APHIS Animal Damage Report. After review and discussion, Steve Trujillo made a motion to accept the verbal USDA-APHIS Animal Damage Report for November 2024 and include it as part of the minutes. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- D. Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report – Michael Purdy submitted a written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for November 2024. After review and discussion, Steve Trujillo made a motion to accept the written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for November 2024 and include it as part of the minutes. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

VII. TAOS SWCD REPORTS

- A. District Manager’s Report – Peter Vigil gave an update on District activities. The Water Quality Local Workgroup Meeting was successful and well attended by various acequia groups, environmental groups, and the local community. Taos SWCD’s Watershed Contractor, JR Logan presented to the community and received good feedback. Mr. Vigil reported that the stream bank restoration project in Vadito is behind schedule but the contractors have been working hard and have completed 1 ½ projects. Additionally, Mr. Vigil reported that Tanya Duncan has invoiced the County and Taos SWCD was paid with a quick turnaround time. Taos SWCD hosted its 83rd Annual Meeting and it was well attended. Staff and supervisors attended the NMACD annual meeting. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the District Manager’s verbal report and include it as part of the minutes. Steve Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointed Board Member Position 6 – Steve Trujillo made a motion to appoint Greg Miller to fill vacant Position 6 (appointed). Mary Lane Leslie seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes (joined via Zoom)
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- B. NMCDE Memberships for Staff – Tanya Duncan requested staff membership in NMCDE due to its low cost and valuable trainings and networking. After discussion, Steve Trujillo made a motion to approve District-paid staff memberships in NMCDE. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- C. Travel, Actuals and Registration for the NACD Annual Meeting – After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve travel, actuals and registration costs for staff and/or board to attend NACD’s Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah – February 8-12, 2025. Steve Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- D. NM State Forestry Seedling Program – Tanya Duncan reported that New Mexico EMNRD’s Conservation Seedling Program is already underway (orders were taken from 7/1/24 to 10/11/24) so future Taos SWCD participation would need to be considered before July 2025. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the allocation of a total budget of \$5,000 to participate in the seedling program. Steve Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- E. Resolution 003-24-25 Open Meetings – Tanya Duncan presented draft Resolution 003-24-25 Open Meetings for consideration. After discussion, Steve Trujillo made a motion to adopt Resolution 004-24-25 as presented. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

- F. Resolution 003a-24-25 Meeting Dates – Tanya Duncan presented draft Resolution 003a-24-25 Open Meetings for consideration. *Detail discussion about Zoom.* After discussion, Steve Trujillo made a motion to adopt Resolution 003a-24-25 as presented. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS- NO COMMITTEE REPORTS.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Steve Trujillo reported that he attended the 25th Annual Congreso de las Acequias and it was a successful and informative turnout.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Taos SWCD office will be closed November 28-29, 2024 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- B. Next Regular Board Meeting – December 18, 2024
- C. NACD Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA – February 8-13, 2025

IX. ADJOURN

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

Chairman _____Maureen Johnson

Administrative Assistant _____Veronice Quintana

Prepared: 11/20/2024

Approved ____/____/2024

- As Presented
- With Corrections