

**TAOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR ONLINE AND IN- PERSON BOARD MEETING  
MAY 21, 2025  
9:00 A.M.**

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Maureen 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
Andy Martinez (Member)	Present
Mary Lane Leslie (Member)	Absent
Greg Miller (Member)	Present
Sam DesGeorges (Member)	Present

Other Attendance:

Peter Vigil (TSWCD District Manager)  
Tanya Duncan (TSWCD Assistant District Manager)  
Veronice Quintana (TSWCD Administrative Assistant)  
Vernon Mirabal (NRCS District Conservationist)  
Fritz Hahn (Former Town of Taos Councilor)  
Michael Purdy (NMDA)  
Jacob Beechler (USDA)  
Will- Jaremko Wright (Taos County Extension Agent)

**II. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- A. May 21, 2025- Sam DesGeorges made a motion to approve the May 21, 2025 Agenda as presented. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

### III. GUESTS- NO GUESTS.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting – After review, Sam DesGeorges made a motion to approve the April 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. George Long seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

### V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. April 2025 Financial Report – Chairman Johnson reviewed Assistant District Manager, Tanya Duncan's written April 2025 Financial Report and the Chairman Johnson Transaction Report. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to file the April 2025 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	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

- B. 2024-25 Qtr. 3 Budget Report to DFA- Chairman Johnson reviewed Assistant District Manager, Tanya Duncan's written April report. Greg Miller made a motion to acknowledge that the 2024-25 Qtr. 3 Budget Report to DFA was sent in. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

- C. 2025-26 Preliminary Budget and Budget Resolution No. 008-2025-26- District Manager, Peter Vigil provided a written report of the 2025- 26 budget. Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve the written 2025-26 Preliminary Budget and Budget Resolution No. 008-2025-26. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

## VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. NRCS Report – Vernon Mirabal presented his written NRCS Report for May 2025, noting two vacancies as well as recent progress and upcoming trainings. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to accept the written and verbal NRCS Reports for May 2025 and include them as part of the minutes. Sam DesGeorges seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

- B. Taos County Extension Report – Will Jaremko Wright presented his verbal report for May 2025 noting the upcoming Noxious Weed Tour and his attendance as well as a Food Safety Training. After discussion, George Long made a motion to accept the verbal Taos County Extension Report for May 2025 and include them as part of the minutes. Sam Des Georges seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

- C. USDA-APHIS Animal Damage Report – Jacob Beechler presented his verbal report for May 2025. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to accept the verbal USDA- APHIS Animal Damage Report. Andy Martinez seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

- D. NMDA Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report – Michael Purdy reviewed his written and verbal report for May 2025. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to accept the written and verbal Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Reports for May 2025 and include them as part of the minutes. Sam DesGeorges seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

- E. Taos County CWMA Report- Fritz Hahn provided a written report for May 2025 on behalf of Robert “Bob” Pokorney. After review, Andy Martinez made a motion to accept the written Taos County Cooperative Weed Management Area Report. Stephen Trujillo seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

**\*\*\* The board took a break at 11:14 AM and reconvened at 11:30 AM\*\*\***

## **VII. TAOS SWCD REPORTS**

- A. District Manager’s Report – Peter Vigil provided a verbal report on District Activities including an update on the Water Quality Program that is underway as well as the reactivation of the Resource Conservation and Development Council. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the District Managers May 2025 verbal report and include them as part of the minutes. Greg Miller seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

1. Cost- Share Mill Levy Policy- Peter Vigil discussed the current Mill Levy Policy. After discussion, the board of supervisors agreed to postpone until further information is provided regarding property tax rates. No action was taken.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Reschedule June 18, 2025 Board- District Manager, Peter Vigil informed the Board of Supervisors that the Taos SWCD, June 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting currently conflicts with the Region II Meeting. After discussion, Greg Miller made a motion to move the Taos SWCD Regular Board Meeting to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Sam DesGeorges seconded and the motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

- B. Nominees for Appointed Supervisors- Chairman Johnson called for nominations for appointed supervisor position 6. George Long made a motion to nominate Greg Miller for position 6. Stephen Trujillo seconded the motion. Two more calls were made for nominations, there being none Greg Miller will be the nominee sent to NM SWCC to serve as appointed supervisor in position 6. Chairman Johnson then called for nominations for appointed supervisor position 7. George Long made a motion to nominate Mary Lane Leslie for position 7. Stephen Trujillo seconded the motion. An additional call was made for nominations, there being none Mary Lane Leslie will be the nominee sent to NM SWCC to serve as appointed supervisor in position 7. The motion carried with roll call voting as follows:

Maureen Johnson	Yes
Stephen Trujillo	Yes
George Long	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Abstained

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- III.** The office will be closed on May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day  
**IV.** Noxious Weed Lecture & Tour, June 5, 2025- 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
**V.** Next Regular Board Meeting- June 17, 2025  
**VI.** The office will be closed on June 19, 2025 in observance of Juneteenth

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION (EXECUTIVE AND PUBLIC SESSION)**

*This matter may be discussed in closed session under the Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1-(H) (2) which allows for discussion of limited personnel matters.*

### **A. Personnel Matters**

1. District Manager Performance Review- Chairman Johnson has discussed the performance review with the District Manager and stated that there is not a need to go into executive session.

## **XIV. ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_Maureen Johnson

Administrative Assistant \_\_\_\_\_Veronice Quintana

Prepared: 05/21/2025

Approved \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2025

- ☐ As Presented  
☐ With Corrections