TAOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR ONLINE/VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2025
9:00 A.M.

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DRAFT MINUTES

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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)	Present
Greg Miller (Member)	Present
Sam DesGeorges (Member)	Absent

Other Attendance:
Peter Vigil (TSWCD District Manager)
Tanya Duncan (TSWCD Assistant District Manager)
Veronice Cortez (TSWCD Administrative Assistant)
Manuel Gutierrez (TSWCD Acequia Program Specialist)- joined via Zoom
Grace Powell (TSWCD Forest Health Specialist)
Mikhial Parison (TSWCD Program Specialist)
Michael Purdy (NMDA Specialist)
JR Logan (TSWCD Contractor)

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. October 15, 2025- Greg Miller made a motion to approve the October 15, 2025 Agenda with a correction on item XII F, for a date adjustment from November 15-16, 2025 to December 6, 2025. 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

II. GUESTS

A. JR Logan- 2025 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Award (CWDG)- JR Logan reviewed the CWDG award requirements and recommendations for structure moving forward. The grant has a 25% match requirement, with 5 years to spend the money on private property in high-risk areas of the County. No action was taken.

**** The Board took a break at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:07a.m.****

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting- After review, Greg Miller made a motion to approve the September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes, 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. September 2025 Financial Report – Tanya Duncan reviewed the written September 2025 Financial Report and the Chairman Johnson Transaction Report. Ms. Duncan noted the general journal entries that were made and that this report is not final as NMFA bank statement has not arrived yet, therefore the interest rate will change. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to file the September 2025 Treasurer's Report for audit with best information provided. 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. NRCS Report – no report was provided as the Federal Government is shut down.

B. Taos County Extension Report – Will Jeremko-Wright did not provide a report. No action was taken.

C. USDA-APHIS Animal Damage Report – Jacob Beechler did not provide a report. No action was taken.

D. NMDA Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report – Michael Purdy presented a written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for October 2025 noting upcoming deadlines highlighted in his report. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to accept the written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Reports for October 2025 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	Yes
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

B. Taos County CWMA Report- Robert Pokorney did not provide a report. Tanya Duncan provided a verbal update on CWMA activities. Current activities include the possibility of the Cornelio basin transitioning into a conservation easement. This was recently presented to town council. CWMA starting to plan the annual lecture and tour and is in process of securing a contractor for IPM strategy. Once the website is completed, they discussed utilizing a grant to create kiosks for shoppers to obtain informational help on IPM strategies and treatment of noxious and invasive weeds. No action was taken.

VII. TAOS SWCD REPORTS

A. District Manager's Report- District Manager Peter Vigil discussed current district activities. Mr. Vigil presented the ACDIF work plan with detailed project type, Acequia name and funding requested to be included as part of the meeting minutes. After discussion, George Long made a motion to accept the verbal district managers report for October 2025 and include it as part of the minutes. 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NMACD Resolution RE Private Applicator License Process- Chairman Johnson discussed the resolution. After review, District Manager, Peter Vigil tabled the discussion and will instead contact NMACD directly to further address the situation. Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to table the NMACD Resolution. 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. FH 11-24-25 Project/ Ownership Transfer- Forest Health Specialist, Grace Powell informed the board that a landowner previously approved for the forest health program has since sold their property. The new landowner that purchased the property would like to continue the project. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo approved authorization of transference to the new landowner to continue the project. Mary Lane Leslie 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

B. FH Batching Period 1 2025- 2026 Determinations- Forest Health Specialist, Grace Powell provided a written document, presenting the forest health committees recommendations to approve/deny/ assign technical assistance for BP 1, 2025-2026 determinations. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to approve status designation for the following applications. 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

Application	Action	Funding	Acres	Notes	Funding
12--25-26	Approve	$8,400.00	3		EMNRD
16--25-26	Approve	$15,000.00	5		EMNRD
17--25-26	Approve	$11,200.00	4		EMNRD
23-25-26	Approve	$16,000.00	5		EMNRD
28-25-26	Approve	$11,200.00	4		EMNRD
37-25-26	Approve	$11,600.00	4		EMNRD
33-25-26	Approve	$12,000.00	4		EMNRD
22-25-26	Approve	$3,000.00	1		EMNRD
21--25-26	Approve	$5,800.00	2		EMNRD
1--25-26	Approve	$1,250.00	0.5		EMNRD
4--25-26	Approve	$6,000.00	2		EMNRD
9--25-26	Approve	$2,800.00	1		EMNRD
10--25-26	Approve	$5,000.00	2		EMNRD
30-25-26	Approve	$8,400.00	3		EMNRD
41-25-26	Approve	$5,600.00	2		EMNRD
34-25-26	Approve	$8,400.00	3		TSWCD
35-25-26	Approve	$5,600.00	2		TSWCD
15--25-26	Approve	$6,000.00	2		TSWCD
13--25-26	Approve	$2,800.00	1		TSWCD
11--25-26	Approve	$2,800.00	1		TSWCD
29-25-26	Approve	$2,800.00	1		TSWCD
20--25-26	Approve	$2,800.00	1		TSWCD
5--25-26	TA	$0.00	5		
7--25-26	TA	$0.00	2		
39-25-26	TA	$0.00	4		
2--25-26	TA	$0.00	3		
3--25-26	TA	$0.00	6		
31-25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
8--25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
6--25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
36-25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
27-25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
40-25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
38-25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
26-25-26	Deny	$0.00	0		
14--25-26	Duplicate	$0.00	0	Duplicate	
32-25-26	Cancelled	$0.00	0		
25-25-26	Cancelled	$0.00	0		
18-25-26	Cancelled	$0.00	0		
24-25-26	Cancelled	$0.00	0		
19--25-26	Cancelled	$0.00	0		

C. Water Testing Program Updates- Assistant District Manager, Tanya Duncan informed the board of progress with developing applications and well water testing information for the water program. Part time employee, Elisa Hardy developed a description for the well water program and Tanya Duncan requested feedback for any recommended amendments. After discussion, Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to approve the well water testing application 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

D. Invasive Species Program Equipment Policy- Soil Health Specialist, Tyler Zander gave an overview of the current grant program to remove Russian olive and Siberian elm, as well as the equipment that is used to treat and extract these weeds. After discussion, Greg Miller made a motion to authorize the purchase of the backpack sprayer and maintenance parts. 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	Yes
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

E. NMACD Request for Silent Auction Contribution(s)- District Manager, Peter Vigil requested donations from the board for the NMACD silent auction. No action was taken.

F. 2013 F150 Field Truck Issues- District Manager, Peter Vigil informed the board that the truck was leaking gas by a staff member when turned on. After taking the vehicle to a reputable mechanic, it was discovered that there was a hole underneath the truck. It was fixed at this time. No action was taken.

G. TSWCD Annual Meeting Agenda- District Manager, Peter Vigil made suggestions on what topics should be discussed at the annual meeting (including but not limited to) the newly created noxious weed website and the student interns. No action was taken.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. TVAA Report- Judy Torres provided a written report for October 2025. No action was taken.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. NMACD Annual Meeting, October 19-22, 2025 at Uptown Sheraton, Albuquerque, NM
B. NM Public Procurement Association Conference, October 22-24, 2025 in Albuquerque, NM
C. Society of American Foresters, October 22-25, 2025 in Hartford, CT
D. Taos SWCD Annual Meeting, October 24, 2025
E. Taos SWCD office will be closed on 11/11/2025 in observation of Veteran's Day
F. NMAA Annual Congreso de las Acequia, December 6, 2025 at Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
G. Next Regular Board Meeting, November 19, 2025
H. NACD Annual Meeting, February 14-18, 2026 in San Antonio, TX

XIII. ADJOURN

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

Chairman ____________________________________Maureen Johnson

Administrative Assistant _________________________Veronice Cortez

Prepared: 10/15/2025

Approved _____/_____/2025 □ As Presented

□ With Corrections

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