

TAOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR ONLINE/VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

9:00 A.M.

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DRAFT MINUTES

These are not the official minutes and are subject to approval by the public body.

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)	Absent
Andy Martinez (Member)	Present
Mary Lane Leslie (Member)	Absent (for roll call, joined at 10:20 a.m.)
Greg Miller (Member)	Present
Sam DesGeorges (Member)	Absent (for roll call, joined at 9:56 a.m.)

Other Attendance:

Peter Vigil (TSWCD District Manager)
Veronica Cortez (TSWCD Administrative Assistant)
Grace Powell (TSWCD Forest Health Specialist)
Vernon Mirabal (NRCS District Conservationist)
Robert Pokorney (Chairman of Taos CWMA)
Juan Rael (Member of the Public) – via Zoom

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. November 19, 2025- Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the November 19, 2025 Agenda as presented. Stephen 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	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

II. GUESTS- Toner Mitchell

A. Mr. Mitchell did not attend the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting- After review, Andy Martinez made a motion to approve the October 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Greg Miller 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	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. November 2025 Financial Report – Peter Vigil reviewed Tanya Duncan's written November 2025 Financial Report and the Chairman Johnson Transaction Report. Maureen Johnson reviewed her written transaction report noting that she contacted Hillcrest to update security phone numbers and noted the transfers that were made. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to file the November 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	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. NRCS Report – Vernon Mirabal provided a verbal NRCS Report for November 2025. Vernon informed the board that they were shutdown from October 1st, 2025 until November 13th, 2025. Start dates were provided for new hires and Mr. Mirabal discussed job openings that have not been filled yet. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to accept the verbal NRCS report for November 2025. Greg Miller 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	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

- 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 submitted a written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for November 2025. Peter Vigil reviewed the written report and discussed that the office is in compliance with the upcoming deadlines. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to accept the written Soil & Water Conservation Specialist Report for November 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	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Absent
Greg Miller	Yes

- B. Taos County CWMA Report – Robert Pokorney provided a verbal report on Taos CWMA activities. Mr. Pokorney reported they are still working on the SMU and Cornelio Basin Projects with an extended deadline of Spring 2027. Upcoming priorities for Taos CWMA is to supply posters of QR codes to identify noxious and invasive weeds and treatment options in appropriate stores. After discussion, Andy Martinez made a motion to accept Mr. Pokorney's verbal CWMA report and include it 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	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

VII. TAOS SWCD REPORTS

A. District Manager's Report- District Manager Peter Vigil reported strong progress in education and outreach, highlighted by acquiring a free Rolling Rivers water-erosion simulator for Taos County youth. Mr. Vigil expressed interest in exploring long-term plans for dedicated educational outreach staff and on-site equipment storage. Staff are preparing comments on the Taos Ski Valley Improvement Plan and revisiting incomplete Interstate Stream Commission/Costilla hydrographic work, which remains unresolved. RC&D updates included the nearing completion of a \$30k LOR project, efforts to secure permanent placement for the Tío Vivo, and expansion of 501(c)(3) participation across regional communities. Water-project discussions focused on obtaining overdue Rio Hondo data needed for a dashboard project with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates before the May 2026 grant deadline. Local acequia efforts continue—with three projects in progress, a noted flume issue in Trampas, and plans to reconvene the working group—while noxious-weed management also received attention. After discussion, George Long made a motion to accept the verbal district managers report for November 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	Absent
Andy Martinez	Yes
Mary Lane Leslie	Absent
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NMACD Resolution RE Private Applicator License Process- A discussion ensued about the status of the current NMDA private applicator license process. No action was taken.

*** *The Board took a break at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:41 a.m.* ***

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. WCS Batching Period I 2025-26 Determinations- A quorum of the board was present at the acequia committee meeting on November 12th. The meeting was not advertised as a quorum would be present therefore; Committee recommendations for WCS determinations will not be considered at this time. The acequia committee meeting will be rescheduled.

B. Resolution 004-25-26 Meeting Dates- Chairman, Maureen Johnson discussed the meeting date of February 18, 2026 and noted that staff and some supervisors will be unavailable for this meeting date due to a scheduling conflict with the NACD Annual Meeting.

February 25th, 2026 was proposed and Mary Lane Leslie made a motion to approve the amended Resolution 004-25-26 Meeting Dates. Sam DesGeorges 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
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

C. Resolution 004a-25-26 Open Meetings- Chairman Johnson presented draft Resolution 004a-25-26 Open Meetings for consideration. After discussion, Stephen Trujillo made a motion to adopt Resolution 004a-25-26 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
Sam DesGeorges	Yes
Greg Miller	Yes

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Regular Board Meeting, December 17, 2025
- B. NACD Annual Meeting, February 14-18, 2026 in San Antonio, TX
- C. NMAA Annual Congreso de las Acequia, December 6, 2025 at Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Chairman _____ Maureen Johnson

Administrative Assistant _____ Veronice Cortez

Prepared: 11/19/2025

Approved _____ / _____ /2025 As Presented

With Corrections

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