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**Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 4th, 2015, 7:00 p.m.  
Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Education & Visitor Center  
2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM**

**Board Attending:** Chair Joseph Moya, Vice-Chair Andrew Hautzinger, Treasurer Abel Camarena, Supervisor Teresa Smith de Cherif, Supervisor Jim Lane, Supervisor Jeff Goebel

**Others attending\*:** Belen High School Team (the Treggles) for the 2015 NM Envirothon; Teacher Chelsey Servantes, students Zachary Porcher, Marisol Diaz, Conner Coffey, and Lawrence Sanchez. Bob Gostitcha with MLPAA, Brent Van Dyke with NMACD & NACD, NRCS Area Conservationist Pearl Armijo, Julia Dendinger with the Valencia County News-Bulletin, and District Manager Madeline Miller.

\*acronyms: MLPAA is the Meadowlake Park Area Association, NMACD is the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, NACD is the National Association of Conservation Districts, NRCS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service .

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Quorum was verified and the pledge of allegiance recited.

Abel Camarena proposed deferring the following agenda items until after the election on May 5<sup>th</sup> to be reviewed in a special meeting in May or at the June regular meeting: Review of the 2016 Preliminary Budget, correspondence and announcements, the Whitfield Update, the Mill Levy Priority Plan approval, the Personnel Committee Update items, the Rio Abajo Update items. Jeff Goebel noted he would also defer his special presentation. Abel Camarena also requested addition of the mill levy rate resolution of the Board for fiscal year 2016 which needed to be submitted to the Soil & Water Conservation Commission for their approval in May prior to their yearend meeting in June.

***Motion was made to approve the Agenda with all proposed changes.***

***1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Goebel 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abel Camarena***

***For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Agenda approved.***

## **Special Business**

- Forest Plan revision & cooperating agencies; Special guest Dee Tarr with Claunch-Pinto SWCD did not attend; this presentation was canceled.
- 2015 New Mexico Envirothon report from Belen High School Team. Belen High School Teacher Chelsey Servantes reported that the team improved from last year and came in 10<sup>th</sup> of the 14 teams participating. The Students related their experiences and the Team thanked the Board for their sponsorship noting they intended to compete in 2016.

## **Reports**

- **NRCS Report:** Pearl Armijo provided her report.
- **NMDA Report:** The written report was distributed.

## **Regular District Business**

- The Meeting Minutes for the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting were reviewed.  
***Motion was made to approve the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.***

***1<sup>st</sup> Abel Camarena***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Lane***

***For: 0***

***Against: 0***

***Abstain: 0***

***Motion carried.***

- **Treasurer's Report:** The Board reviewed the April 2015 Expenditures Report  
***Motion was made to approve the expenditures for April 2015.***

***1<sup>st</sup> Abel Camarena***

***2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrew Hautzinger***

***For: all***

***Against: 0***

***Abstain: 0***

***Absent: 0 Motion carried.***

**Old Business was deferred as noted above.**

## **New Business**

- **Dan Goodman Award recommendations, and award amounts;** the review committee reviewed four applications for the 2015 Dan Goodman Award. They recommended two awardees, Eugenio Padilla, and Joseph Davis, seniors at Belen High School. Additionally the Committee recommended that Arena Lewis and Cody Crosley were sent encouragement to apply again in 2016. The Board also discussed award amounts.

***Motion was made to award Eugenio Padilla, and Joseph Davis for the Dan Goodman Soil & Water and Environmental Improvement Award in 2015 with an award of \$500 to each and letters of appreciation to Arena Lewis, and Cody Crosley.***

***1<sup>st</sup> Teresa Smith de Cherif 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abel Camarena***

***For: all***

***Against: 0***

***Abstain: 0***

***Absent: 0***

***Motion carried.***

- **Resignation of Charlie Sanchez Jr., Seat 7:** The Board acknowledged the resignation submitted by Charlie Sanchez Jr. on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Teresa Smith de Cherif stated she did not want the Board to accept Charlie's resignation at this time.

***Motion to accept Charlie's resignation with a follow up letter of appreciation.***

***1<sup>st</sup>: Abel Camarena***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Lane***

***For: 5 Against: 1 (as noted above) Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.***

- **Board Officer reorganization July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015:** Joseph reminded he would step down as Chair at the end of fiscal year 2015 and expected reorganization of the Officers at the June meeting to start on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Teresa expressed that Joseph's efforts as the parliamentarian on record for the Board meetings has helped the Board in carrying out the District mission through meeting proceedings.

**New Business**

***Motion was made to amend the agenda to allow consideration and approval of a new member to the Canvassing Board for the May 5<sup>th</sup> Election of Seats 1, 2, and 5 of the Board.***

***1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif***

***2<sup>nd</sup>: Abel Camarena***

***Roll call: Joseph Moya yea, Andrew Hautzinger yea, Abel Camarena yea, Teresa Smith de Cherif yea, Jeff Goebel yea, Jim Lane yea. Motion carried.***

**Election 2015:** The Board discussed the notice to the Election Superintendent just a week prior that Danny Goodson would not be available to serve on the canvassing board as approved by the Board for the 2015 Election of Supervisors on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Two alternates were found who were able to serve as the resident landowner which required Board selection and approval prior to the election.

***Motion was made to approve Marie Garcia-Shafner, as the landowner, for the Canvassing Board for the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Election of Board Seats 1,2, and 5.***

***1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif***

***2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff Goebel***

***For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.***

**2016 Mill Levy Rate Resolution:** The Board reviewed Resolution #5-2015 requesting the New Mexico Soil & Water Conservation Commission's approval at their yearend meeting of the District's intent to collect the mill levy at the .25 mill rate for 2016.

***Motion was made to approve the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District resolution #5-2015 Mill Levy Rate at ¼ mil for 2016 to be submitted to the New***

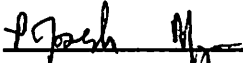
**Mexico Soil & Water Conservation Commission for their approval at their June 2015 meeting.**

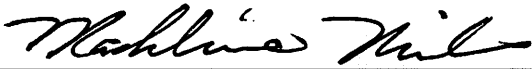
**1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif      2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff Goebel**  
**For: all      Against: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 0      Motion carried.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Abel Camarena, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrew Hautzinger, all in favor,      Motion carried.**

**Signatures:**

  
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**P. Joseph Moya, Chair**      **07-06-2015**  
Date

  
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**Madeline Miller, District Manager**      **8-1-15**  
Date