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**Board of Supervisors
December Special Monthly Meeting
December 1st, 2015 6:00 P.M.**

**Held at the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Education & Visitor Center
2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM**

Board of Supervisors Attending: Chair Abel Camarena, Vice Chair Teresa Smith de Cherif, Supervisor P. Joseph Moya, Supervisor Jeff Goebel, and Supervisor Jim Lane. **Absent:** Treasurer Andrew Hautzinger

Others Attending: Kim Kostelnik, consultant at SAKAK Natural Resource Consulting, District Manager Madeline Miller, Administrative Assistant Jasmine Martinez, Whitfield Project Manager Ted Hodoba, NRCS Soil Conservationist Michael Jones, NMDA Program Specialist Katie Mechenbier, Pueblo of Laguna representative Richard Bonine.

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order: Chairman Abel Camarena verified quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm.

2) Special Business

Land Use Plan discussion with Kim Kostelnik:

Natural resource consultant, Kim Kostelnik, hosted a questions and answers session with the Board to and District goals and objectives for writing a first draft of the VSWCD Land Use Plan.

Identified natural resource concerns of the District within statutory authority were:

- Water, including acequias and water safety/quality
- Customs & culture, including tribal considerations
- Soils, including erosion control
- Range
- Wildlife/livestock, including native, non-native and feral animals
- Agriculture, including market development, small farm objectives, local food shed

- Riparian
- Wetlands
- Watershed/forest management
- Fire
- Storm water/flooding, including dams (where they exist)
- Subdivision reviews
- Special land designation
- Utilities and renewable energy, including wind, water, and geothermal
- Pollinator, organic and pesticides
- Mining, gravel pit and travertine
- Visual resource management
- Invasive species, including native & non-native, noxious weeds, and potential habitat considerations
- Threatened/endangered/sensitive species, including plants & animals listed within the District
- Air quality
- Outreach & education
- Climate, (include in the introduction)

Other concerns (non-statutory for coordination with other agencies that have authority to address):

- Illegal waste, trash dumping
- Water rights, land transfers
- Zoning
- Economic development

The first draft of the plan would be prepared for review and revision by the Board in January at the Regular Meeting or possibly a special meeting.

Stacy Land Donation: The Board determined action items needed for the December 7th Regular Meeting.

- Follow up with Mr. Balkcom to address final questions that the Board has, including asking when the deed for transfer and appraisal for completion of the IRS Form 8283 would be completed, and that there are no liens or encumbrances on the property be assured in writing in transfer documents.
- If needed, consult with Attorney Jason Marks or if necessary an appropriate real estate lawyer for consideration of prepared transfer documents or other legal requirements.
- Draft an in-kind letter acknowledging the donation of land and which addresses the conditions of the charitable gift to VSWCD.
- Draft a resolution for Board signatures to accept the land donation contingent upon all conditions set forth by both parties and any additional State requirements that may need to be addressed are agreed to by December 31st.
- Determine cost and timeline for a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment of the property.

3) Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.

1st: Teresa Smith de Cherif 2nd: Jeff Goebel No further discussion.

For: All Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion carried.

Signatures:

Abel Camarena 12/10/15
Abel Camarena, Chair Date

Jasmine Martinez 12/7/15
Jasmine Martinez, Administrative Assistant Date