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**Board of Supervisors  
September Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 26th, 2016 4:00 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, Treasurer Andrew Hautzinger, Supervisor, Supervisor Jeff Goebel, Supervisor Richard Bonine Jr. Absent were P. Joseph Moya, Supervisor Jim Lane.

**Others Attending:** NRCS Soil Conservationist Pearl Armijo, Farm Bill Specialist Sandi Martinez, NMDA Specialist Katie Mechenbier, District Manager Madeline Miller.

**Meeting Minutes**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Abel Camarena verified quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

**Motion was made to approve the Agenda as written.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Richard Bonine 2<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif** *Madeline noted that the Personnel Committee update would not include the Employee Annual Plans and thus those would not be discussed this evening.*

**For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.**

- 2) **Approval of August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 Regular Meeting minutes:** The Board reviewed the August Regular Meeting minutes.

**Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as written.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrew Hautzinger No further discussion.**

**For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.**

**3) Reports:**

- **NRCS Report:** Pearl Armijo provided the monthly NRCS written report. She noted there would be a new planner, Jasmine Wilson, in the office who would be starting soon. It was noted in discussions that what NRCS formally recognized as 'resource concerns' are not called 'enhancements'.

- **NMDA Report:** Katie Mechenbier provided the monthly NMDA written report. She noted that election timelines for FY2017 Board elections would be available in October.
- **Whitfield Project Manager's Report:** The Board briefly discussed the written report.
- **District Manager's Report:** Madeline Miller provided her written report. The Board discussed the FaceBook center coming to Los Lunas. Action item: Madeline would do background research with Andrew Hautzinger and prepare an 'inquiry' letter draft with Teresa's assistance regarding water and other resource requirements of the center to be built. The Board also discussed rescheduling the cancelled September 23<sup>rd</sup> Conservation Celebration event.

**Motion was made to reschedule the Legislative Day that was cancelled to Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> as part of the Whitfield Party and retitled 'Conservation Celebration'.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff Goebel There was no further discussion. For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.**

- **Rural Climate Policy Platform:** Jeff Goebel provided an update on his national initiatives.
- **Cibola Forest Revision Plan:** Jeff noted he missed the most recent meeting of the Mountainair Landscape Team for the Revision Plan held two weeks ago but there was an update on the process in the NMDA Report.

#### **4) New Business:**

- **VSWCD NMACD Annual Meeting Attendance.**

**Motion was made to approve Richard Bonine and Jeff Goebel attending the Annual Meeting, and to sponsor guest speaker Joe Morris for the meeting for all costs not to exceed \$2500.00. Action item: letters to Debbie Hughes and speaker Joe Morris about his speaking at the meeting.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif 2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard Bonine No further discussion. For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.**

- **VSWCD sponsorship of the Richard Becker Award.**

**Motion to approve sponsoring the Richard Becker Award for \$100 upon receipt of formal written request from the Director for the Environmental Education Association of New Mexico.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Andrew Hautzinger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif No further discussion.**

**For: all      Against: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 2      Motion carried.**

- **Discussion of Committees:** Richard Bonine requested to participate on the Land Use Committee. **Action item:** inquire with Jim Lane, Joseph Moya, not attending, if they would like to give their committee seat to Richard Bonine to keep the committee member.

**Regular Business:**

- **Budget & Accounting: 1) August 2016 Expenditures Report:** The Board reviewed the August 2016 expenditures report.

**Motion was made to approve August 2016 Expenditures as presented.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Smith de Cherif      2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard Bonine      No further discussion.**  
**For: all      Against: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 2      Motion carried.**

- **Land Use Plan Committee:** Jeff noted that the Plan was on hold this past month.
- **Financial Assistance Committee:** The Board discussed receipt of first application still under review. The Chair recommended that the Committee accomplished the tasks it was chartered to complete and that the District Manager could review and make recommendations to the Board at the meetings on applications for full Board decision at the meetings. Teresa Smith de Cherif recommended the Committee should complete and internal ranking process before dissolving. Action item: Madeline will work with the Committee to put this process in place and bring recommendations for application(s) to the next Board meeting.
- **District Property Disposal Committee:** The property disposition request submitted to the State Auditor's Office rendered no response because they do not review real property matters. However, DFA did formally respond and approve the requested disposition for the two rental property outbuildings submitted.
- **Whitfield Committee:** No report but the Chair noted that the Committee intends to meet in the near future about several matters. There was discussion about difficulties of the Friends of Whitfield Board. Jeff Goebel offered to facilitate a session with the Friends Board for planning for the future.
- **Personnel Committee:** This report was tabled until the October meeting.
- **Rio Abajo Committee:** Teresa noted that a date and facilitator were finally decided for the Ott lawsuit settlement. This mediation was be on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque New Mexico. Teresa Smith de Cherif for the Board and Tim Ott agreed to meet on that day. It was noted there was no further progress with the NM Department of Game & Fish on the property split to be finalized.

**6) Adjournment**

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard Bonine**

**All in favor, motion carried.**

**Signatures:**

*Abel M. Camarena*

**Abel Camarena, Chair**

*10/24/16*

**Date**

*Madeline Miller*

**Madeline Miller, District Manager**

*10/24/16*

**Date**