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**Board of Supervisors
September Monthly Meeting
September 30th, 2017 9:00 am
Meadowlake Community Center
100 Cuervo Lane, Meadowlake
Los Lunas, New Mexico**

Board of Supervisors Attending: Chair Abel Camarena, Vice Chair Teresa Smith de Cherif, Supervisor Andrew Hautzinger, Supervisor Richard Bonine, Supervisor Jeff Goebel, and Associate Supervisor Myrna (Castro) Goebel. Supervisors P. Joseph Moya was absent.

Others Attending: District Manager Madeline Miller, Whitfield Manager Ted Hodoba, E. Valencia Program Coordinator Lindsey S. Hamilton, resident Danny Goodson.

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order: Chairman Abel Camarena verified quorum and called meeting to order at 9:16 am.

Motion was made to approve the Agenda with one amendment; Jeff Goebel's update on discussions with Isleta Pueblo regarding serving on the District Board to be reviewed under Regular Business.

1st: Richard Bonine 2nd: Jeff Goebel
For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 No further discussion.
Motion carried.

2) Approval of August 19th, 2017 Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 19th Regular Meeting.

Motion was made to approve meeting minutes for August 19th 2017 meeting of the Board as written.

1st: Teresa Smith de Cherif 2nd: Andrew Hautzinger
For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 No further discussion.
Motion carried.

3) Reports

- District Report: Madeline and Ted for the Whitfield update reported on the last month's activities. Madeline discussed with the Board the Soils Health Resolution moving forward

at the NMACD Annual Meeting on October 23rd. The Board noted that the Valencia SWCD Soils Health Resolution progressed to the regional level for consideration at the NMACD statewide annual meeting. For the October meeting, Madeline would obtain copy of any additional approved soils health resolutions along with the other NMACD resolutions to be voted on at the annual meeting. The Financial Assistance Program was also briefly discussed; the Financial Assistance Committee (A. Hautzinger, T. Smith de Cherif present) stated they were continuing review of the current program and would have recommendations for the October meeting. Ted presented his Whitfield update. For the 2nd year, Whitfield staff with SW Monarch Butterfly study volunteers tagged migrating Monarchs at Whitfield.

4) Regular Business:

- **Budget & Accounting:**

The Treasurer reviewed with the Board the expenditure reports for July and August. There was some discussion continuing from the August meeting regarding expected budget shortages for fiscal year 2019. The Board anticipates a mid-year review of the current year budget and FY2019 including review of the District's funding priority plan. Madeline noted she would focus on internal budget reporting for presentation to the Board at the October meeting. Andrew stated he would visit with Manager and accountant as well. Andrew also recommended a financial planning committee be formed for addressing budget concerns; Madeline would prepare a charter for review at the October meeting.

Motion was made to approve the July & August expenditures as presented to the Board.

1st: Richard Bonine 2nd: Teresa Smith de Cherif Additional discussion included request that Ted review opportunities for conservation easements for the Rio Abajo and Stacy Unit properties.

For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: J. Moya Motion carried.

The Inventory and Assets lists were reviewed. Changes and corrections were needed; presentation of Rio Abajo area assets and resolution of missing inventory on the inventory list. These would be reviewed again in October.

- **Whitfield Committee:** Andrew updated that the memorandum of agreement being drafted for a possible educational specialist position to be shared with Valle de Oro is on hold while Jasmine's role is redefined and under review.
- **Financial Assistance Committee:** Committee discussions will continue on additional changes for the 2018 program year.
- **Bosque Restoration Update:** Madeline shared current the proposal from Fred Rossbach with Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance for re-treatment of existing project areas managed for woody invasives.
- **Agenda addition:** Board vacancy for seat 7. Jeff Goebel noted that Isleta Pueblo has not yet responded to his inquiries for their consideration. Lindsey Hamilton noted that Sue Small, an El Cerro resident stated she was interested in serving on the Board. Also, she was

interested in wildlife initiatives. The Board requested Sue Small be invited to attend the next Board meeting. Jeff asked attending resident, Danny Goodson, if he would be interested in serving as an Associate Supervisor and Mr. Goodson stated he would consider it but Saturday meetings were not good for him.

• Rio Abajo Conservation Area Committee Update:

The Chair, Abel Camarena, motioned to close the regular meeting at 11:30 am to go into executive session to discuss the Ott lawsuit. Roll call: Richard Bonine yea, Abel Camarena yea, Andrew Hautzinger yea, Teresa Smith de Cherif yea, and Jeff Goebel yea. Myrna Castro, Ted Hodoba, Lindsey Hamilton left the meeting, Madeline Miller stayed. The Chair motioned at 11:42 am to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Teresa Smith de Cherif yea, Andrew Hautzinger yea, Jeff Goebel yea, Abel Camarena yea. The Chair noted that the Board discussed ongoing litigation in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and no actions were taken.

The Regular Meeting reopened at 11:42 am.

Motion to approve Teresa Smith de Cherif representing the Board and reach final resolution on behalf of the Board regarding the Ott Lawsuit.

1st: Richard Bonine 2nd: Andrew Hautzinger No further discussion.
For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Soils Health initiatives: Jeff Goebel mentioned that NMACD was drafting a letter of support to NACD for support of the Soils Health Stamp initiative. NMACD also assisting with starting an NACD national soils health poster contest; he thought the artwork through the contest could be used for the soils health stamp.

5) Special Business

East Valencia Urban Gardens Program: Lindsey opened with her written update of activities; the Harvest Festival for the gardens had approximately 50 attendees. Lindsey reviewed her draft 5 year plan with the Board. She noted that she used her recent monitoring and evaluation training with the Conservation Fund group to add objectives that are measurable and defining strategies to accomplish objectives and goals for the program.

The Board prepared to go out to view the Meadowlake Community Garden with Lindsey.

6) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 pm.

1st: Richard Bonine 2nd: Teresa Smith de Cherif
All in favor Motion carried.

Signatures:

Abel M. Camarena

Abel Camarena, Chair

10/21/17
Date

Madeline Miller

Madeline Miller, District Manager

10/21/17
Date