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**Board of Supervisors
July Regular Meeting
August 16th, 2019 6:00 pm
Meadow Lake Community Center
100 Cuerdo Lane, Los Lunas, NM 87031**

Board of Supervisors Attending: Chair Abel Camarena, Vice Chair Teresa Smith de Cherif, Treasurer Andrew Hautzinger, Supervisor Sue Small, Supervisor Joseph Moya, Associate Supervisor Jim Lane Absent: Supervisor Richard Bonine.

Others Attending: District Manager Madeline Miller, Education Manager Allison Martini, East Valencia Urban Gardens Coordinator Lindsey Diaz, Friends Board members Ron Goens and Linda Frazer, USDA NRCS Area Conservationist Pearl Armijo and Range Specialist Fawna Lee, residents Gail Goodman and Eugene Pickett.

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order: Chair Abel Camarena verified quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. It was recommended to add USDA NRCS Report update to regular reports. Dan Goodman awardee Elijah Trujillo was unable to attend the meeting. Budget and Accounting section was tabled until September regular Board meeting.

Motion was made to approve Agenda as amended.

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

2) Special Business:

Oath of Office for appointed seats 6 & 7; Richard Bonine and Sue Small. Sue offered to defer her Oat of Office until September since Richard Bonine was unable to attend the meeting.

3) Approval of July 19th and Special Meeting July 26th 2019 Meeting Minutes.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes for July 19th.

Motion was made to accept July 19th meeting minutes as amended.

**1st: Andrew Hautzinger 2nd: Sue Small *No further discussion.*
For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 *Motion carried.***

Motion was made to accept the July 26th meeting minutes as written.

**1st: Joseph Moya 2nd: Andrew Hutzinger *No further discussion.*
For: all Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 *Motion carried.***

4) Reports: All monthly reports including a mil levy committee meeting update were provided prior to the meeting. The Board reviewed additions and comments of previewed reports.

NMDA Report: Abel noted with election reference in report that Seat 5 was vacant for the Board and that to fill during the election, declaration was due on August 27th deadline to the county clerk.

NRCS Report: Pearl Armijo provided her report and discussed scheduling of a local work group meeting for review of the NRCS programming. Friends of Whitfield Board member Linda Frazer noted they hoped the Board could help with their October fundraiser. Allison noted her new education volunteer Clara and her interest in focusing on climate and environment outreach.

5) Regular Business:

• **Mil Levy Committee Update: 1) September & October outreach plan, 2) Attorney General response, 3) Election deadline August 27th for declaration of candidacies and ballot question, 4) committee recommendation on existing mil levy.**

Abel mentioned that September and October are the push months for outreach on the new mil levy proposal. The committee will be creating a power point presentation with talking points for other Board members if opportunity in outreach. The website, FB page, email lists and other advertising venues will be used to get the word out about the election and the mil levy. Abel expressed he hoped the Board could help the committee with outreach opportunities. If the mil levy passes, it was discussed that the Board will need to have a motion that the District will collect on 1 mil levy if we receive the new one and that when funds begin to come in on the new mil levy, the current quarter mil will be abandoned. Jim Lane mentioned that there are Meadow Lake community meetings on the third Saturday of each month.

• **Financial Assistance Committee Update: K. Martinez application 2019, 2) Financial Assistance education scholarships in 2020; soil health academy, permaculture training & regenerative agriculture conference.**

• Applicant K. Martinez has not sent her a new quote on what should be done with her property. Andrew commented K. Martinez has expressed that she does not have the funds to support any activities to be done on the property and that the District will not be able to provide to the extent she needs, financial support of erosion mitigation on her property. He added the District needs to see a clear plan with actual costs, and detail of contracting to move forward.

• Madeline recommended 50% financial assistance program be apportioned to scholarships for agricultural conferences for District producers or possibly interns at the gardens. Jim Lane believed the \$65.00 registration amount was not very much and that the District should cover full reimbursement. Teresa recommended not taking the money out of the financial assistance

account for these conferences. The Board thought scholarships should be considered on a case by case basis and reviewed the Soil Health Academy for October 23rd, 2019.

Motion was made to approve full reimbursement of up to five participants for the October 23rd 2019 Soil Health Academy sponsored by the District in Los Lunas for registration fee of \$65.00 registration fee following and with proof of attendance.

1st: Andrew Hautzinger **2nd: Sue Small** **No further discussion.**
For: all **Against: 0** **Abstain: 0** **Absent: 1** **Motion carried.**

- **Annual Action Plan 2020:** Madeline passed out the annual action plan for 2020 for the Board to review. Discussion was made to add community events under Education programs. Abel suggested to put one of the main categories per page to focus better.
- **Announcements, notices, other comments.** Madeline said Joseph would like to change the meeting time and day. Abel suggested that it would be better to discuss a different time and day for the regular Board meeting in December. The next regular Board meeting will be at El Cerro Community Center next month.

6) Adjournment: Motion was made by Sue Small at 7:54pm to adjourn. All were in favor, motion carried.

Signatures:

Abel Camarena, Chair **Date**

Madeline Miller, District Manager **Date**