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**Board of Supervisor Monthly meeting**

**March 20, 2021**

**Conducted Remotely via Microsoft Teams Video/Teleconference**

**Board of Supervisors Attending:** Chair Abel Camarena, Vice Chair Teresa Smith de Cherif, Treasurer Joseph Moya, Supervisor Richard Bonine, Supervisor Sue Small, Supervisor Gail Goodman, and Supervisor Duana Draszkievicz. **Others Attending:** Business Manager Amanda Carrasco, Lead Field Technician Johnny Chavez, District Director Andrew Hautzinger and Education Manager Allison Martin, as well as Katie Mechenbier(NMDA SWCD liaison), Special Guest-Director of Environmental Education NM, Eileen Everett, NRSC, Martin Meairs, and several other unidentified conference call participants.

- ◆ **Call to Order:** Chair Abel Camarena verified quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **Agenda:** Teresa Smith de Cherif moved to approve the agenda; Richard Bonine seconded. A unanimous roll call vote was conducted and motion carried.
- ◆ **Minutes:** Teresa Smith de Chief moved to approve the meeting notes (Version 3) for the 2/20/21; Duana Draszkievicz seconded. A unanimous roll call vote was conducted and motion carried
- ◆ **Public Comments:** No public comments were received by the meeting time (at public-input@valenciaswcd.org).
- ◆ **District Staff Activities:** Director Hautzinger provided a brief overview of staff activities over the last month (largely summarizing the staff reports included in the Board Meeting attachments). Covering the 2021 Land & Water Summit the 3/8/2021 Facebook meeting and covering educational program and our many upcoming events (e.g. Every Kid, Every Day, Every Way in NM, Earth Day/Science Fair, City Nature Challenge in Valencia County).
- ◆ **Special Guest EENM Executive Director Eileen Everett:** Everett provided a strong overview of environment education activities in the State, as NM leads the nation in many regards (e.g., other states looking to emulate the Every Kid, Every Day, Every Way program). Everett spoke powerfully about the work our very own Educator Allison has been doing and how her voice is being heard in many ways and how her leadership will bring good things to the communities in her home district.
- ◆ **Phase 2 Update:** Director Hautzinger provided the Board with updates on this work, which has been somewhat delayed with Covid-related issues. New drawings are being finalized.

- ◆ **MRGCD MRD RCPP:** In review of the letter of support Hautzinger distributed to the board in their meeting packet, the Board discussed supporting this project. Teresa Smith de Cherif moved to approve the District sending this letter of support for the MRG RCPP, Sue Small seconded. A unanimous roll call vote was conducted, and motion carried.
- ◆ **Butterfly Proposal:** Presented by Gail Goodman and Andrew Hautzinger. Goodman introduced this concept and of her interest in butterflies at Whitfield. Hautzinger discussed various aspects of the proposal reminding supervisors that Lindsey Diaz is on maternity leave and how we need to be cautious about taking on new projects. Goodman addressed that there was a NFWF grant to apply for. The item will be tabled and perhaps brought back during 2022.
- ◆ **Budget & Accounting:** The monthly financial report for period ending February 28, 2021 was reviewed and discussed. Teresa Smith de Cherif moved to accept the budget and accounting report. Richard Bonine second the motion. A unanimous roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried.
- ◆ **Discussion of Board Meeting Stipends:** Chair Camarena lead discussion with the Board regarding the budget and ways to help. Teresa Smith de Cherif addressed that it should be polled to the District Director Andrew and he will give information about the poll at the next meeting.
- ◆ **VSWCD Outreach Effort:** Outreach meeting was positive, we had 30 participants and we are planning for the next meeting. Allison and Andrew are compiling the feedback received from the participants, which will be used to provide the board a report of this first meeting and a rough outline of the outreach strategy for the coming year.
- ◆ **NMDA March 2021 Report by Katie Mechenbier:** Updating us on dates and workshops. April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report is due to DFA. Water Quality proposal grant proposals due by, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Supervisor elections are coming up (November 2021). SWCC Commissioners will meet in April with a virtual meeting.
- ◆ **NRCS March 2021 Report by Martin Meairs:** Updating about staffing for Cuba and Los Lunas. It looks like they should be fully staffed by June.
- ◆ **Correspondence MRGCD:** The Board discussed the dry times ahead, and how WWCA could consider reducing our water use this year while addressing long needed maintenance items that require dry conditions (e.g., clearing out the earthen channel that provides water to our central wetlands). Hautzinger and Johnny Chavez will develop a WWCA water management proposal for 2021 (addressing the questions if water we do not use can be credited to the District in some fashion) and send to the Whitfield Committee for their review.(done 3/29/21)

- ◆ **Dale Jones memorial:** Discussing his passing and acknowledging the important role he had with the Board, serving as a past Chair and whose leadership and perseverance was a major reason for why Whitfield became a reality. Honoring his survivors with a letter or something more was discussed. We will add this to our next agenda.
  
- ◆ **Supervisor Round Robin:** Gail Goodman attended several meetings, one of which was the Valencia County Commissioner Budget workshop that was “extremely interesting to attend”. Also, she attended their monthly Business Meeting. Goodman also attended a webinar with Hautzinger and Chavez of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant opportunity webinar. Goodman attended Eileen Everett’s Environment Education’s, Every Kid, Every Day, Every Way in NM class. Duana Draszkieucz thanked Director Hautzinger for a job well done with the Valencia Water Watchers in recent water issues.
  
- ◆ **Executive Session:** A unanimous roll call vote to conduct Executive Session Business.
  
- ◆ **Return from Executive Session:** Teresa Smith de Cherif moved to terminate the employment of Ruben Amador effective immediately and make a replacement. Richard Bonine seconded. Roll call vote was conducted- yes unanimous vote and motion carried.
  
- ◆ **Adjournment:** Teresa Smith de Cherif moved that the meeting be adjourned; Duana Draszkieucz seconded. Roll call vote was conducted, yes unanimously, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

**Signatures:**

**Abel Camarena, *Chair*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Andrew Hautzinger, *District Director*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_