

Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Meeting called to order by Chair; David King at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

David King; Chair, Juan Sanchez; Vice-Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Wendy Lossing; Member, Danielle Johnston; Member and Mark Anaya, Member

Members Absent

Robert Coburn; Member

Others Present

Kenneth Lujan; NRCS, Ian Dolly; NM State Land Office and Brenda Smythe; District Manager

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add NMACD Region II Meeting. Bill King motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The April board meeting minutes were reviewed. Wendy Lossing motioned to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mark Anaya; motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Jaun Sanchez motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Danielle Johnston; motion carried.

The Proposed Budget was reviewed. Following review, Jaun Sanchez motioned to approve the Proposed Budget. Motion seconded by Danielle Johnston; motion carried. This will be submitted to the NM Soil & Water Conservation Commission. The Final Budget will be approved during the June board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Open House

The Open House and Meet-n-Greet, which was held last month, was small, but exceptionally valuable feedback was received by those in attendance. Discussion was held to hold a more formal meeting this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

2025-2026 Mill Levy Resolution

The 2024-2025 Mill Levy Resolution was reviewed. Motion made by Bill King to approve the Mill Levy Resolution. Motion second by Jim Frost, motion carried. Roll Call Vote as follows:

David King, Chair	yea
Juan Sanchez, Vice-Chair	yea
Bill King, Sec./Treasurer	absent at roll call.
Mark Anaya, Member	yea
Robert Coburn, Member	absent
Danielle Johnston, Member	yea
Wendy Lossing, Member	yea

District Manager, Brenda Smythe notarized the resolution. It will be sent to NMDA and the Soil & Water Conservation Commission as well as the newspaper for publication.

Appointed Supervisors

The Appointed Supervisor positions were discussed. Wendy Lossing motioned to re-appoint Juan Sanchez and Jim Frost to the Central Tri-County SWCD Board, motion second by Danielle Johnston.

District Manager, Brenda Smythe notarized the resolution. It will be sent to NMDA and the Soil & Water Conservation Commission as well as the newspaper for publication.

Group Application

Brenda spoke to the board regarding a group application for rainwater harvesting by the VFW in McIntosh. Following discussion, it is unclear whether we can fund this project. Brenda will reach out to the VFW for more information. Application tabled for next month.

NMACD Region II Meeting

Central Tri-County SWCD has been asked to hold the Region II meeting in June. Following discussion, Danielle Johnston motioned to approve of us hosting the meeting, which will include donuts, coffee, lunch, and drinks for attendees. Motion seconded by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

REPORTS

Administrative/Technical Report

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan reviewed the NRCS Report. The NRCS staff from the Mountainair Field Office have all taken the early retirement package. Therefore, all contracts are being worked on in the Estancia Field Office. Kenneth will be on leave for a month or so, and Felicia Speranske will be acting DC.

NMDA Report

Brenda reviewed the NMDA Report.

NMACD Report

The Region II meeting will be held in our office on June 17th or 18th.

EBWPC Report

No Report

EBWH&R

No Report

MRGOG (Water Resources Board)

No Report

East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness

No Report

State Land Office

Written Only

NMSU – Santa Fe County Extension

No Report

NMSU – Torrance County Extension

No Report

USFS Report

Juan Sanchez spoke to the board regarding US Forest Service. Juan has spoken to the new Mountainair Ranger, Shawn Martin, and encouraged him to start attending our meetings to continue our close working relationship with the Forest Service.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:57 AM motioned by Mark Anaya. Motion seconded by Wendy Lossing; motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer