

Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair; Juan Sanchez at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

Juan Sanchez; Vice-Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Coburn; Member Wendy Lossing (via telephone); Member, Danielle Johnston; Member and Mark Anaya, Member

Members Absent

David King; Chair

Others Present

Kim Kostelnik; SAKAK Consulting, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA, Jennifer Weber; East Torrance SWCD, Kenneth Lujan; NRCS, Ian Dolly; NM State Land Office and Brenda Smythe; District Manager

Approval of Agenda

Bill King motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Mark Anaya; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The May board meeting minutes were reviewed. Bill King motioned to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn; motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Bill King motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn; motion carried.

2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

The 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget was reviewed by the Budget Committee prior to today's meeting. The Budget Committee recommends approval, which includes a 4% raise for staff and a 6% bonus. Preliminary Budget was reviewed by the board. Motion made by Bill King to approve the Preliminary Budget. Motion second by Mark Anaya, motion carried. Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

The Proposed Budget was approved and submitted to the NM Soil & Water Conservation Commission. The Final Budget will be approved during the July board meeting.

GUEST

Shawn Martin; USFS Mountainair Ranger District was in attendance to discuss future projects within the area. The District is looking forward to working closely again with USFS.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Election

The Supervisor Election was discussed.

2025-2026 Cost Share Application Approval

18 application were received. Staff recommends funding 12 at a maximum of \$7,000, which will amount to \$84,000 in cost share assistance for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. 3 are out of district, and 3 have been funded within the last five years. Following discussion; approval was tabled until the Cost-Share Committee can review the applications fully. The Committee will meet before the Region Meeting on June 18th.

Group Application

Brenda spoke to the board regarding a group application for rainwater harvesting by the VFW in McIntosh. Following discussion at May's meeting, it is unclear whether we can fund this project, however it has been determined that they can receive grant funding. Jennifer Weber; East Torrance SWCD Field Tech, spoke to the board about the project and East Torrance SWCD's support. Following discussion Bill King motioned to approve the project with a maximum of \$10,000 reimbursement, motion seconded by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

NMACD Region II Meeting

Central Tri-County SWCD will host the Region II meeting on June 18.

NMFA Loan

Staff is working on securing quotes for a NMFA Loan.

NEW BUSINESS

Land Use Plan Update

Kim Kostelnik; SAKAK Consulting brought a Draft Plan Update. The board members and staff will review and send Brenda any changes and/or additions to deliver to Kim by June 30th.

REPORTS

Administrative/Technical Report

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan reviewed the NRCS Report. The NRCS Chief Aubrey will be in New Mexico June 23-June 25. Kenneth will be on leave for a month or so, and Felicia Speranske will be acting DC.

NMDA Report

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report.

NMACD Report

The Region II meeting will be held in our office on June 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

Shawn Martin will continue to attend, and is looking forward to continuing our close working relationship with the Forest Service.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on July 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 12:20 AM motioned by Robert Coburn. Motion seconded by Bill King; motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer