

Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

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

Board Members in Attendance

David King, Chair, Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Coburn, Member, Wendy Lossing, Member, Danielle Johnston, Member and Mark Anaya, Member

Members Absent

Juan Sanchez, Vice Chair

Others Present

Brenda Smythe, District Manager and Felicia Speranski, NRCS Estancia Field Office

Approval of Agenda

Wendy Lossing motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Danielle Johnston.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of Minutes

The August board meeting minutes were reviewed. Danielle Johnston motioned to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Bill King.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Treasurer Report

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

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Election

The Supervisor Election was discussed. Candidates Bill King and Danielle Johnston filed on August 26th in their respective county.

NACD SW/PAC Meeting

The NACD SW/PAC meeting will be held in Golden Colorado on September 7-10, 2025. Mark Anaya, Juan Sanchez, and Manager Brenda Smythe will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS

NMFA Loan Resolution

The New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) Application for building upgrades is ready for approval in the amount of \$281,000 and will be submitted today. The application should be on the October 23rd NMFA meeting agenda. Following discussion, Mark Anaya motioned to approve the NMFA Resolution and submission of the application to New Mexico Finance Authority. Motion seconded by Wendy Lossing.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

FY26 Capacity Building Grant

The District was funded \$160,000 of Capacity Building Funding through NMDA. Positions will be posted and interviews to be held in the next few months. Submission was as follows:

- Watershed Specialist - \$30,000.00
- Conservation Education Coordinator - \$20,000.00
- Noxious Weed Coordinator - \$20,000.00
- GIS Specialist - \$16,000.00

2020 Trax Trade In

Brenda spoke to the board regarding the 2020 Trax. She would like to trade it in due to continued mouse infestation. It has been an ongoing issue since we got it in 2020. Following discussion, Bill King motioned to trade it in, using GSA pricing, motion seconded by Wendy Lossing.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Sponsorship Requests

Brenda spoke to the board regarding sponsorship requests from NMACD for their Annual Meeting, and for the Regenerate Conference. Following discussion, Bill King motioned to approve both sponsorship requests at \$500 each, motion seconded by Danielle Johnston.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Local Work Group Meeting

The Local Work Group meeting will be held on September 11th in Encino. Danielle Johnston will attend.

Central Tri-County SWCD Annual Meeting

The board discussed holding an evening Annual Meeting. Date was set for Friday, November 14, 2025.

REPORTS

Administrative/Technical Report

Brenda reviewed the Administrative/Technical Report

NRCS Report

The NRCS Report was reviewed. Bill King asked Felicia about crop applications. She stated that they did not rank in. Brenda asked if there were any submitted, and if so, why were not any funded since funding has traditionally been 45% Crop / 45% Range and 10% Forest Land. Since Felicia had not heard of this funding percentage; the board asked her to have DC Kenneth Lujan email Brenda.

NMDA Report

The NMDA Report was reviewed.

NMACD Report

The SW/PAC Meeting to be held in Golden, Colorado on September 7-10th.

The NMACD Annual Meeting will be held in Albuquerque on October 20-22nd at the Sheraton Uptown on Louisiana Blvd.

EBWPC Report

Bill King spoke to the board regarding the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee. East Torrance SWCD and Santa Fe County still need representation to the Committee.

Torrance County P&Z Report

No Report

EBWH&R

No Report

MRGOG (Water Resources Board)

No Report. The next meeting will be held on September 3, 2025.

East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness

No Report

State Land Office

No Report

NMSU – Santa Fe County Extension

No Report

NMSU – Torrance County Extension

No Report

USFS Report

No Report

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 2, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:55 AM motioned by Robert Coburn. Motion seconded by Wendy Lossing; motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer