

# Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District

## Board Meeting Minutes

### April 2, 2026

#### 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, Juan Sanchez, Vice Chair, Robert Coburn, Member and Wendy Schurman, Member

#### Members Absent

Mark Anaya, Member and Danielle Johnston, Member

#### Others Present

Brenda Smythe, District Manager, Kelly Smith, District Technician, Rebecca Dow, NMACD Deputy Director, Debbie Ortiz, NM House Minority Office, Tom Dominguez, NMSU Santa Fe County Extension Agent, Ian Dolly, NM State Land Office District Resource Specialist, Shawn Martin, USFS, and Josh Archuleta, NRCS Acting DC

#### Approval of Agenda

Juan Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Wendy Schurman.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

#### Approval of Minutes

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

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

#### Treasurer Report

Bill King motioned approving the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Juan Sanchez.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

## **GUESTS**

### **New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts**

Rebecca Dow, NMACD Deputy Director, was in attendance. She reviewed funding sources and encouraged our applications. She also encourages the District to reach out to our local Council of Government (MR COG) to assist with writing these grants for the District. Rebecca also discussed the DC Fly In and the “Farmers First” slogan in DC is important more than ever.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **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. The budget has been updated to include administration and training.

### **Document Scanning**

Phase I of the document scanning began with the most important documents. Once they have been scanned, staff will be trained to do the remaining documents.

### **Small Acreage Producer Meeting**

Help is needed for our small farmers/ranchers. Following discussion, the cost-share and budget committee will discuss financial assistance next month and the board will revisit this topic in the next few months to move forward with a meeting with our small farmers/ranchers.

### **Newsletter**

Bob stated that he would like to see a mailed newsletter go out. Following discussion, staff reiterated that a mailed newsletter has been done in the past, but due to expense and logistics of the post office the board deemed it unfeasible to continue. Following discussion, an April Newsletter will be circulated via email, posted on our website, and mailed to certain producers. A draft newsletter is ready for approval.

**Associate Board Members** – Bob would like to consider bringing on Associate Members again due to our aging board. The board will bring names forward in the next few months.

### **DC Spring Fly In**

Juan Sanchez attended the DC Spring Fly In. (See attached schedule and handouts) Juan was able to meet with all of the leadership except for Representative Gabe Vasquez. Juan’s goal was to assist with the small acreage initiative in New Mexico. Senator Ben Ray Lujan is looking into it. There is a disconnect between DC and New Mexico. This is the first step in addressing this issue.

### **Legacy Funding**

Bob would like staff to apply for Legacy Funding. Last year, Central Tri County SWCD submitted four applications for Legacy Funding but did not receive any awards. Staff will apply again this year.

### **Conservation Easements**

Conservation Easements were discussed. Representative Matthew McQueen will be invited to discuss this issue with the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointed Supervisors**

The appointed supervisors are Juan Sanchez and Mark Anaya.

Following discussion, Bill King motioned to approve appointing Juan Sanchez and Mark Anaya. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **NMFA Loan Resolution**

The NMFA Loan Resolution was reviewed. Following review, Bill King motioned to approve the NMFA Loan Resolution. Motion seconded by Wendy Schurman.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **2026-2027 Cost Share Program**

The 2026-2027 Cost Share Program was discussed. The Budget Committee and Cost Share Committee recommend approving the 2026-2027 Cost Share Program with an 85% cost share rate with a maximum of \$10,000 payment per applicant. Robert Coburn motion approval of this recommendation. Motion seconded by Juan Sanchez.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **2026-2027 Mill Levy Resolution**

The 2026-2027 Mill Levy Resolution was reviewed. Motion made by Bill King to approve the Mill Levy Resolution. Motion second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **AgriFuture Sponsorship**

Sponsorship of this year's AgriFuture conference was discussed. Following discussion, Robert Coburn motioned to approve sponsorship of AgriFuture in the amount of \$500. Motion seconded by Wendy Schurman.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **NM State Land Office Lease Renewal**

The State Land Office lease renewal was presented. Following discussion, Juan Sanchez motioned to approve the renewal of the State Land Office Lease for an additional 2 years. Motion seconded by Bill King.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

### **Board Member Resignation**

Due to relocation to Albuquerque, Danielle Johnston has submitted her letter of resignation. The board and staff are deeply sorry to see her go but wish her well. Danielle was unable to attend today, due to closing of her house sale. The board would like to hold a Going Away luncheon soon. Date to be determined. It will be posted that a quorum will be present at the luncheon, but no business will be discussed. Bill King motioned to accept Danielle Johnston's resignation. Motion seconded by Juan Sanchez.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

## **REPORTS**

### **Administrative/Technical Report**

Brenda reviewed the staff report. (See Attached)

### **NRCS Report**

Josh Archuleta, Acting DC reviewed the DC Report.

### **NMDA Report**

The NMDA Report was reviewed.

### **NMACD Report**

The NACD Annual Meeting was held in San Antonio, TX February 15 – 19, 2026. Juan, Mark, Robert, and Wendy attended.

### **EBWPC Report**

Bill reported that Office of the State Engineer will be adopting the new regions and the Estancia Basin has been consolidated with the Tularosa Basin. The next meeting will be held via zoom on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Torrance County P&Z Report**

No Report

### **EBWH&R**

No Report

**MRGOG (Water Resources Board)**

No Report.

**East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness**

No Report

**State Land Office**

Ian Dolly spoke to the board regarding private land treatments in cooperation with Central Tri-County SWCD. He also reported that he would be visiting Zorro Ranch (San Rafael Ranch) for a land lock issue.

**NMSU – Santa Fe County Extension**

Tom Dominguez reported that he has hired a new 4H Ag Agent.

**NMSU – Torrance County Extension**

No Report

**Pueblo of Isleta**

Brenda reported that staff are working together with the Pueblo of Isleta again.

**USFS Report – Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts**

Shawn Martin, Mountainair Ranger was in attendance. He spoke about USFS projects and how we can continue to work together. He also reported that he is retiring and Arlene Perea will be acting Ranger. The board and staff thanked Shawn for his work with Central Tri-County SWCD and wished him well.

**Public Comment**

**Next Meeting**

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM

**Adjournment**

Motion for meeting adjournment at 12:20 PM motioned by Wendy Schurman. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn. Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer