

Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

May 7, 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, Mark Anaya; Member, Robert Coburn; Member, and Wendy Schurman; Member

Members Absent

Juan Sanchez; Vice Chair

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Tom Dominguez; NMSU Santa Fe County Extension Agent, and Ian Dolly; NM State Land Office District Resource Specialist.

Approval of Agenda

Bill King motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Approval of Minutes

The April board meeting minutes were reviewed. Bill King motioned to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Treasurer Report

Wendy Shurman motioned approving the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mark Anaya.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

GUESTS

Moriarty FFA Chapter

Due to mandatory testing, the Moriarty FFA Chapter was unable to attend today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FY26 Capacity Building Grant

The District received a \$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 completed, 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.

Conservation Easements

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

NEW BUSINESS

Board Vacancy

The board discussed the board vacancy. It will be placed on the June meeting agenda.

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

No Report

EBWPC Report

Bill reported that the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee is remaining active and the new Chair is Dee Tarr.

Torrance County P&Z Report

No Report

EBWH&R

No Report

MRGOG (Water Resources Board)

No Report.

East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness

Robert Coburn reported that he spoke to the EMWP regarding them only listing Ciudad SWCD on their site with program information.

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

Arlene Perea, Acting Mountainair Ranger sent a written report. (See Report)

Public Comment

The board presented Danielle Johnston with a Service Appreciation Award.

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:00 AM by Wendy Schurman. Motion seconded by Robert Coburn. The board and staff will meet at Hacienda Restaurant for lunch. It has been posted, but no business will be discussed.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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