

Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

July 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, Juan Sanchez, Vice Chair, Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Coburn, Member Mark Anaya, Member and Wendy Schurman, Member

Members Absent

Others Present

Brenda Smythe, District Manager, Kelly Smith, Conservation Technician, Matthew McQueen, Attorney, Natalie Whitaker, Education Coordinator, Joseph Zebrowski, GIS Specialist, Tom Dominguez, NMSU, Mariah White, Landowner and Samantha Schurman, Landowner

Approval of Agenda

Juan Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mark Anaya.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

David King, Chair	yea	Robert Coburn, Member	yea
Juan Sanchez, Vice-Chair	yea	Wendy Schurman, Member	absent at vote
Bill King, Sec./Treasurer	yea	Santos Tapia, Jr. Member	yea
Mark Anaya, Member	yea		

Approval of Minutes

The June board meeting minutes were reviewed. Mark Anaya 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	yea	Wendy Schurman, Member	absent at vote
Bill King, Sec./Treasurer	yea	Santos Tapia, Jr. Member	yea
Mark Anaya, Member	yea		

Treasurer Report

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

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

GUESTS

Matthew McQueen reviewed Cody Stropki's report and spoke to the board regarding their conservation easement options for South Mountain.

Joseph Zebrowski, GIS Specialist, reviewed his GIS work for the district.

Natalie Whitaker, Education Coordinator, reviewed her plan for the Conservation Education Program within our schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

OLD BUSINESS

Associate Board Members

Brenda spoke to former USFS Sandia Ranger, Crystal Powell, about becoming an Associate Member. Crystal was unable to attend today but is interested.

FY26 Capacity Building Grant

The District was funded \$160,000 of Capacity Building Funding through NMDA. Year 1 has been completed, and Year 2 has begun.

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

Santos Tapia has reached out to several of our small farmers/ranchers. Santos, Bob Coburn, and staff will work together on an email/letter to go out to these producers within the next several weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

NMFA Loan

The NMFA Loan is approved, and funds will be released on July 10, 2026. Quotes are being gathered.

REPORTS

Administrative/Technical Report

Brenda reviewed the staff report. (See Attached)

NRCS Report

The DC Report was reviewed.

NMDA Report

The NMDA Report was reviewed.

NMACD Report

None

EBWPC Report

No Report

Torrance County P&Z Report

No Report

EBWH&R

No Report

MRGOG (Water Resources Board)

No Report.

East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness

Bob reported that EMWP updated the district's information on its website and that Rubicon is completing work in the Sandias. He and April Fletcher continue outreach efforts.

State Land Office

No Report

NMSU – Santa Fe County Extension

Tom Dominguez reported on activities with SF County Extension.

Pueblo of Isleta

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

USFS Report – Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts

None

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 12:50 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	Santos Tapia, Member	yea
Bill King, Sec./Treasurer	yea	Wendy Schurman, Member	yea
Mark Anaya, Member	yea		

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer