



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District  
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801  
April 8, 2019 12:00 PM

**Present:** Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, Brian Durkin, Lencho Vega, Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, and Paul Dulin.

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:04 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

The **agenda** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega.

The **minutes** from March passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and a second by Brian Durkin

**Items:**

**Census Bureau Presentation:** Mr. Paul Dulin gave a presentation on the upcoming 2020 US Census and the importance of responding to the census. New Mexico has a very poor response to the census. He also wanted to make sure that farmers and ranchers would assist in getting their farm/ranch workers to respond to the census. He asked that the Socorro SWCD post his presentation to their website.

**Financial:**

The **treasurer's report** was accepted as presented on a motion by Chris Lopez and a second by Brian Durkin. See attachments.

**FY State FFA/4H Competition Sponsorship:** The Socorro SWCD has supported this with \$200 in the past. This passed on a motion by Lencho Vega and a second by Brian Durkin.

**SUV Quotes:** We received six quotations. Only three of those listed specifications that met our request. Of those three, Melloy Fleet 2019 Ford Escape SE was the lowest at \$23,697. This vehicle was chosen on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega. See attachments.

**Cost Share:** We currently have \$47,720.24 completed or approved projects. We only have three agricultural projects and two residential projects that are under way but not completed. These projects will be given until June 1 to be completed. The applications that were not funded will be sent the new 2020 fiscal year application when it is approved. No new projects listed on agenda were approved.

**Contractor License Requirement for Dirt Work:** It has come to light that a contractor's license is required to do any kind of dirt moving, cut, fill, leveling, excavation, etc in the State of New Mexico. Custom farming and Salt cedar clearing fall under this although no one has made an issue of this until now. If taken to court, the contractor that did the work would not be paid unless he proves that he had the appropriate contractor's license at the time of the work. We have a case in Socorro that is heading that direction. The Socorro SWCD will be working on a resolution to ask for an agricultural custom farming exclusion to the CID (Construction Industries Division). This also affects the SWCD as technically employees need the license to operate the Bobcat E35 for resprout treatment and augering holes. There is exclusion for local governments that have a utility. The SWCDs should also have an exclusion. We will be bringing this to the Region III meeting.

**Mill Levy Rate Resolutions:** See attachment. This resolution for FY 2020 passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega. Roll call vote followed with all four board members present voting yes.



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**NMACD Reports/Newsletter:** See attachments.

**NMDA Report:** See attachment.

**Adjourn:** Meeting concluded at 2:04 pm.

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Chairman

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Date