



**Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801
August 10, 2020 12:00 PM**

Present: Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, Lencho Vega (by phone), Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, and Katie Mechenbier (by phone).

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

The **agenda** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

The **July 2020 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

Items:

Financial:

Treasurer's Report and Voucher Payments: See attachments. The report was accepted as presented and vouchers were paid on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

Select Quote for Rip Rap for Quebradas Project: Three quotes were received to spend the remaining funding of the Quebradas Road Project. A 1 Quality Redi-Mix 1,558.38 tons (\$36.25/ton delivered); C&E Concrete, Inc. 1,128.92 tons (\$46.28/ton delivered); and Buildology 843 tons (\$67/ton delivered). A 1 Quality Redi-Mix was chosen on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg. See attachments.

Cost Share:

Ag Projects: An application was received from Wayne Golliheair for a new livestock well. This was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

Current Ag Project Question: Mr. Andrew Salas was approved in July for an irrigation pipeline to service four small fields in Abeytas. He asked the Board if he could install half of the pipeline this year for the first two fields and then apply for cost share and install the remainder of the pipeline for the two lower fields. This does not follow NRCS Field Office Tech Guidelines that we have always followed with our cost share program. The primary issue is sedimentation of the pipeline without any drop to flush out sediment once a year minimum. The board discussed Mr. Salas' request. The Board does not want to set the precedent of allowing landowners to apply and complete partial projects. The goal of the cost share program is to increase irrigation efficiency which entails completing the project for that acreage. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, Mr. Salas' request was not approved.

Resolution to Office of State Auditor to sell equipment: See attachment. The resolution to sell the equipment listed in the resolution was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg. This resolution will be sent to the Office of the State Auditor for approval prior to auctioning on Public Surplus.

NM Finance Authority Loan: Staff talked to the Board regarding going for a NM Finance Authority Loan to get financing for a new building. Staff have talked to the Socorro Fair Board about having an office at the Fairgrounds. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, staff will start working on the application.

NMDA Report: See attachment. Katie reviewed the report with the District.

NRCS MOA: The NRCS requested a letter as to reason for not signing the MOA. The Board discussed the main reasons including procedural issues listed in current MOA from 1997 and the Open Meetings Act. This letter will be drafted for review by Chairman Harris and then sent to the State Office. See attachment.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded at 12:45 pm.

Chairman

Date