



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District  
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801  
June 8, 2020 12:00 PM

**Present:** Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez (by phone), Brian Durkin, Will Kolbensschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe and Jeff Fassett.

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:05 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

The **agenda** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Brian Durkin.

The **May 2020 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Brian Durkin.

**Items:**

**Financial:**

**Cholla Cactus Aerial Treatment Project Bid Opening:** Only one sealed bid was received. It was from Aero Tech Inc. Their bid contained all of the necessary documentation. The bid was for \$37.65 per acre. The total for the 3,265 acres would be \$122,927.25. Our agreement with NMACD is for \$90,000. Jeff Fassett will work with NMACD and BLM State Office staff to move more money into the agreement in order to complete the total acreage. Aero Tech, Inc. bid was accepted and contract will be drawn up once we are notified by NMACD about the total funding amount on a motion by Brian Durkin and second by Chris Lopez. See attachments.

**Torreón Fencing Project Bid Opening:** We received three bids. These were from William Lindsey, Keller Fencing Inc. and Sunny Fence Company. Bid prices were: Lindsey-\$93,570.31; Keller Fencing Inc.-\$97,504.39; and Sunny Fence Company-\$299,376.00. Jeff Fassett will also work with NMACD and the BLM State Office to add additional funding to this project. Our current agreement with NMACD is also \$90,000 for this project. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Brian Durkin, William Lindsey will be awarded the contract. The contract will be executed once the final funding amount is modified. See attachments.

**FY 2021 Draft Budget Approval:** See attachment. The draft FY 2021 budget has been approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

**Treasurer's Report and Voucher Payment:** See attachments. These were accepted as presented on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Brian Durkin.

**Office of the State Auditor Agreed Upon Procedures Contract with Porch and Associates, LLC:** The Office of the State Auditor accepted the Socorro SWCD choice for Tier Four Agreed Upon Procedures for the 2020 Fiscal Year. They generated a contract for the Socorro SWCD and Porch and Associates, LLC. This was signed. See attachment.



**Inventory Certification:** Inventory was updated by staff throughout the year. See attachment. On a motion by Brian Durkin and second by Chris Lopez, the inventory sheets were certified by the board.

**Cost Share:**

**Christiansen Project:** They did not complete their land leveling project in time to for it to be certified and a check to be cut in this fiscal year. They were advised they could attend the board meeting for discussion. They did not attend.

**Update on FY 2020 Cost share:** We spent \$35,119.04 on agricultural projects. There were no residential projects this year at all.

**FY 2021 Cost Share Program:** The board discussed increasing the maximum dollar amount for the agricultural projects. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Brian Durkin, the maximum cost share amount will be increased to \$4,000 per fiscal year with FY 2021. New applications are attached to these minutes. They will be posted on the Socorro SWCD website.

**Seasonal Help with Weed Spraying:** Will Kolbenschlag discussed the amount of acreage of weed spraying that we are doing under contract for the Bureau of Land Management. We have several areas that are rather large. He asked the Board to consider contracting out some of this acreage next year. This will be based upon funding that we receive from the Bureau of Land Management. Jeff Fassett offered to do the contracting internally, but Will and Nyleen stated that they could do the prep work and seek out quotes from commercial herbicide applicants. If funding is again received for this program, this will be an agenda item later in the fall.

**NMDA Report:** See attachment.

**Adjourn:** Meeting concluded at 12:52 pm.

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Chairman

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