

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

Present: Eddy Harris, Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, Will Kolbenschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, and Kristen Cornelius.

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:10 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

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

Oath of Office-tabled until next meeting for Brian Durkin.

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

Items:

Financial:

Review Salt cedar Quotes: Six quotes were received. See attachments. The board reviewed the plans attached with the quotes and chose CSpears LLC as the contractor. Two quotes included burning but the CSpears LLC quote ranked higher due to a lower price. We will be able to do all three tracts including burning with the funding that we have in place. This contractor choice was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

Review Wildlife Enclosure Quotes: Three quotes were received. See attachments. The lowest quote was almost twice the funding we have for this project. Staff will work with BLM to see how see how much materials cost and how much labor funding would be left. This will be discussed at the March meeting.

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

Second Quarter Budget Report Approval: See attachment. The 2nd quarter budget report was approved by DFA.

FFA/4H Sponsorship: See attachment. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the Socorro SWCD will sponsor in the amount of \$200.

Envirothon Sponsorship: See attachment. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the Socorro SWCD will sponsor in the amount of \$100.

2020 AgriFuture Sponsorship: See attachment. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the Socorro SWCD will sponsor in the amount of \$250.

Contact with NM Tech for BLM Funding Work Order 15-6: This contract with NM Tech will provide funding for a graduate student of Dr. Benjamin Duval to monitor brush treatments. The contract is for \$21,000. This was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg. See attachment.

NMDA Healthy Soils MOA: See attachment. This agreement is the mechanism to get the funding for the Healthy Soils Program to the Rosacker Farm. Cecilia Rosacker submitted a grant for \$785 and it was chosen. Also attached is a landowner agreement showing what the Rosacker Farm must do to get the funding. These two agreements passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

Cost Share:

Agricultural: Applications received were an application for land leveling and culvert replacement for Snake Ranch; an application for Richard Lopez Jr. for land leveling; an



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application for Daniel Gallegos for land leveling and pipeline installation; an application form Edward Taliaferro for land leveling; an application from Phillip Gallegos for land leveling; and an application for noxious species removal and land leveling from Florentine Torres. These passed on a motion from Chris Lopez and second from Vernon Leseberg.

NMDA Report: See attachment.			
NRCS	Report: See attachment.	Kristen Cornelius went o	ver the report.
Adjourn:	Meeting concluded at 1:1	5 pm.	
 Chairman			