



**Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**April 12, 2021 12:00 PM**

**Present:** Eddy Harris, Vernon Leseberg, Chris Lopez, Lencho Vega, Will Kolbensschlag, and Nyleen Troxel Stowe.

The **meeting** was called to order at 12:03 pm by Chairman Eddy Harris.

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

The **March 2021 minutes** passed on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega.

**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 Lencho Vega.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report:** See attachments. This has been submitted to DFA for review. Accepted as presented on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

**FY2021 Audit (AUP) Quote:** We requested a quote from Porch and Associates for FY 2021 Agreed upon Procedures Tier 4. This will be \$2,300 plus gross receipts tax. This was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega.

**NM Finance Authority Loan Resolution:** We received the draft resolution, loan agreement and associated paperwork from the NMFA's law firm. This was sent out prior to meeting for review by the board. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the NMFA Resolution was approved. Roll call vote followed with Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, Lencho Vega and Eddy Harris all voting yes to approve the resolution. The NMFA loan will close on May 21, 2021.

**Mil Levy Rate Resolution:** See attachment. This resolution was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg. Roll call vote followed with Chris Lopez, Vernon Leseberg, Lencho Vega and Eddy Harris all voting yes to approve the resolution.

**Ag Design Software and Computer:** The Socorro SWCD received a SWCC grant to assist with the funding for new design software for our cost share program. Will Kolbensschlag has been working with Carlson Software Company to see if they are going to upgrade AgStar. They gave him a 30 day trial of Civil Suite to see if it will do what he needs for land leveling designs. This software costs \$3950 and a new computer to run the program will be \$642. The Board approved these purchases on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

**Cost Share:**

**Ag Projects:** Leslie Johnson cancelled her irrigation well rehab project as the well driller cannot get to her well before the deadline of June 1. Her cost share would have been our maximum of \$4,000. With this project cancelled, Jimmy Green land leveling and irrigation pipeline project, Chris Lopez MRGCD turnout replacement project, and residential drip irrigation for Robert Rincones can be funded. These three projects were approved on a motion by Vernon Leseberg and second by Lencho Vega. Chris Lopez abstained from discussion and voting on this item.

**RR Tie Application:** We received one application for 100 railroad ties from Casey Dewey and his check for \$100 for the admin fee of arranging for him to receive the free railroad ties from NRAO. This was approved on a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg.

**NMDA Report:** See attached report.

**NRCS Report:** No report sent.

**Closed Session:**

On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Lencho Vega, the Board went into Executive Session for annual personnel reviews pursuant to NM State Statutes 10-15 1. Roll call was as follows: Eddy Harris, yes; Lencho Vega, yes; Chris Lopez, yes and Vernon Leseberg, yes. On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the Board came out of Executive Session after personnel reviews with no final action taken pursuant to NM State Statutes 10-15 1 and went into regular



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session. Roll call was as follows; Eddy Harris, yes; Chris Lopez, yes; Lencho Vega, yes; and Vernon Leseberg, yes.

**Regular Session:** On a motion by Chris Lopez and second by Vernon Leseberg, the board approved a 5% salary increase for the Socorro SWCD employees beginning with the first pay period in FY 2022 (July 2021).

**Adjourn:** Meeting concluded at 1:15 am.

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Chairman

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Date