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Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting

September 21, 2023

Conducted in person and remotely via Microsoft Teams

Board of Supervisors attending: Chair Abel Camarena, Vice Chair Teresa Smith de Cherif, Treasurer Duana Draszkievicz, Richard Bonine, and Gail Goodman. Supervisors Priscilla Abeita and Pam Cordova were excused.

Others attending: District Staff—Director Andrew Hautzinger, Conservation Manager Johnny Chavez, and Business Manager Megan McCready. Resource Conservationist for the New Mexico state office of the Natural Research Conservation Service (NRCS), Athena Cholas; Soil Conservationist Savannah Johnson of NRCS-Los Lunas; and New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) Technical Specialist Katie Mechenbier. State of New Mexico Geologist Dr. Nelia Dunbar was the special guest.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Abel Camarena called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

- 1) VERIFY QUORUM, CONDUCT PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND REVIEW AGENDA:** Chair Camarena verified that a quorum was present. Chair Camarena led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Goodman joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Supervisor Bonine moved to approve the agenda, as revised (there would be no executive session and grants would be tabled until the October regular meeting); Treasurer Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) APPROVAL OF AUGUST 17, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Vice Chair Smith moved to approve the August 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes; Supervisor Bonine seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—no; Camarena—yes. Motion carried by quorum majority.
- 3) PUBLIC COMMENT:** None received. Vice Chair Smith de Cherif moved to reinstate the District's regular Public Comment Policy Statement; Treasurer Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—abstain; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) DISTRICT STAFF MONTHLY REPORT:** District Director Hautzinger and District

staff presented highlights of the monthly Staff reports. The full reports are available on the District's website and will be attached to these monthly meeting minutes.

- 5) **NEW MEXICO CLIMATE REPORT:** Dr. Nelia Dunbar presented key findings of this report, including that more big rain events are forecasted and that the challenge is how to sequester that water, slow it down, and use it to recharge the aquifer.
- 6) **UPDATES/PARTNER REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER:** NMDA Technical Specialist Mechenbier reported that there will be a special session to review recent changes in election laws pertaining to SWCDs with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of New Mexico on October 13, 2023. NRCS Resource Conservationist Athena Cholas asked that the forthcoming Plant Matrix should be submitted to NRCS for assistance with publication. She also indicated that there will be new conservation practices: adding compost and bio charge; and recharging groundwater on farms.
- 7) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARTER;** Vice Chair Smith de Cherif moved to accept the draft charter of the Executive Committee, as amended; Treasurer Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—no; Camarena—no. Motion did not pass, for lack of quorum majority. Chair Camarena requested the Vice Chair to provide examples of other SWCDs across the nation with executive committees and their charters at the District's next meeting.
- 8) **TREASURER'S REPORT (Budget and Accounting):**
 - a) **Reconciliation Detail:** Supervisor Bonine moved to approve the Reconciliation Report ending on August 31, 2023]; Treasurer Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) **District Inventory for 2023:** Supervisor Bonine moved to approve the 2023 District Inventory; Vice Chair Smith de Cherif seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c) **District Asset Depreciation Schedule:** Supervisor Bonine moved to approve the District's Asset Depreciation Schedule for 2023; Treasurer Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted—Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d) **Business Protocol:** Treasurer Draszkievicz moved to approve the District's Business Protocol; Supervisor Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was conducted—Smith de Cherif—no; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried by quorum majority.
 - e) **Procurement Proposal:** Vice Chair Smith de Cherif indicated that this proposal could not be considered until next month, as it was not on the Agenda.

- f) District Gas Card: Supervisor Bonine moved to approve a Gas Card for District vehicles; Treasurer Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted—Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- g) Salazar Center International Symposium: Supervisor Bonine moved to approve a budget not to exceed \$400 to allow the District Director to attend the symposium in Denver from October 9-12, 2023; Treasurer Draskiewicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted—Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Draszkievicz moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bonine seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Signatures:

for

Teresa Smith de Cherif, Vice Chair



Date

12/21/2023

Andrew Hautzinger, District Director



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