Members Present: Howard Hutchinson Bill Powell Frank Christensen

Members Absent: Jan Porter Carrejo Clay Atwood

Others Present: Matt Wiseman Annie Simpson

Gary Clauss Gene Glasgow

Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order 10:09 a.m. with Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of agenda:

Motion to accept the agenda by Frank

Second by Bill

Unanimous – motion carried

Minutes January 12, 2024:

Motion to approve minutes by Bill

Second by Frank

Unanimous – motion carried

Financial Report;

Motion to approve by Bill

Second by Frank

Unanimous – motion carried

Accounts Payable and Travel Vouchers:

Envirothon (donation) $200.00

Annie Simpson (clerical) $364.50

Correspondence:

Presented by Howard

Reports by Supervisors:   
Frank: Ditch association got $150,000 from Field and Stream, but believe they will need $500,000 to complete project. Attended SWNMCOG meeting.

Bill: Working on water systems

Howard: Continues working with NM Game and Fish to get a contract or agreement in place that would allow payment directly from Water Trust Board for completed work in Willow Creek. It looks like the District got the Capital Outlay award of $90,000.

Old Business:

1. Willow Creek Restoration project Update: WTB – working on contract with NM Game and Fish Landowner portion still working on getting contact information and discussing ownership of the road
2. Application submittals for watershed studies and restoration projects:   
   Howard with follow up with NCD on Tularosa Project
3. CAP Entity Report: Nothing to report
4. ISC Loan Applications: Nothing to report
5. Consider Candidates for appointment to the board:   
   Submitting Gary Clauss

New Business:

1. **Prepare budget request/county commissioners:**   
   emailed completed request to Howard for signature
2. **Consider payment of NCD Invoice #3:**   
   Motion to pay by Frank  
   Second by Bill  
   Unanimous – motion carried
3. **Consider Nominations for NMACD awards:** Annie will prepare nomination of Audrey McQueen and Margie McKeen
4. Review and select materials for Soil Stewardship: Find soil materials in storage
5. **Review Annual Work Plan for following year:** Howard took out water monitoring and added updating the long-range plan. Final version is ready to submit.
6. **Consider donation to Carolyn Nelson for monument placement:** tabled to next meeting
7. **Discuss demonstration plots for native grass as a cover crop:** Carry forward to next meeting
8. **Discuss application for SWNMCOG Water Quality and look at Legacy Fund applications:** Howard will attend training on March 19, 20, or 21

Monthly report from Katie:  
Presented by Katie by email. Howard reviewed

Matt Wiseman’s report  
Presented by Matt

Adjourned 11:38 a.m.

Things to think about: Next meeting March 19, 2024

Submit travel claims

Consider project proposals

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