Members Present: Howard Hutchinson Bill Powell Frank Christensen Jan Porter Carrejo (phone)

Clay Atwood

Members Absent: Gary Clauss

Others Present: Matt Wiseman Annie Simpson

Gene Glasgow Justin Butt

Susan Styer Katie Mechenbier

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 March 15, 2024:

Motion to approve minutes by Bill

Second by Frank

Unanimous – motion carried

Financial Report;

Motion to approve by Jan

Second by Frank

Unanimous – motion carried

Accounts Payable and Travel Vouchers:

Annie Simpson (clerical) $229.50

Motion to approve by Bill  
Second by Frank  
Unanimous – motion carried

Correspondence:

Presented by Howard

Reports by Supervisors:   
Frank: Attended meeting with the Forest Service. We need to sign an MOU with the Forest Service, this will be on the next agenda. Spoke to Carolyn about the Aldo Leopold monument.

Bill: Also attended the Forest Service meeting. Attended hearing on the San Augustine Plain water lawsuit. Judge did not grant the company rights to the water but gave the impression that if they filled out he paper work correctly he would in the future.

Jan: Nothing to report

Howard: Traveled to Washington, DC and met with house members and staff as well as two members of the senate regarding Private Property rights, forest management, grazing rights, energy choice, and the Farm Bill. Productive conversations.

Old Business:

1. Willow Creek Restoration project Update: WTB – payment pending to NM Game and Fish Landowner portion have 7 agreements signed and working on the rest.
2. Application submittals for watershed studies and restoration projects:   
   Tularosa Project -NCD will go ahead with proposal
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. **Finalize Nominations for NACD Annual Awards:**   
   Annie working on nominations for Audrey McQueen and Margie McKeen
2. **Discuss Ranch Days and possible donation:**   
   Annie will get the healthy soils materials to HowardMotion to pay a $200 donation by Clay  
   Second by Bill  
   Unanimous – motion carried
3. **Consider Donation to Carolyn Nelson for monument:**   
   Motion to pay $500 donation by Bill  
   Second by Frank  
   Unanimous – motion carried
4. **Discuss demonstration plots for native grass as a cover crop:** Presented to board
5. **Prepare Preliminary Budget:**   
   Make corrections and present at next meeting
6. **Prepare SWCD Accomplishments for presentation at Region meeting:**  
   Begun – carry forward to next meeting
7. **Attend Region III Meeting:**  
   Looking for information on this. Approval of travel to attend for Jan, Frank, & Howard  
   Motion to approve by Frank  
   Second by Bill  
   Unanimous – motion carried
8. **3rd Quarter Budget Report due to NMDA and DFA:**  
   Motion of approval with addition of interest from savings account by Bill  
   Second by Frank  
   Unanimous – motion carried
9. **Make Fair Booth Reservations:**  
   Annie will do this and ask that the booth be next to Navopache  
   Motion to approve payment by Frank  
   Second by Clay  
   Unanimous – motion carried

Monthly report from Katie:  
Presented by Katie

Matt Wiseman’s report  
Presented by Matt

Adjourned 12 p.m.

Things to think about: Next meeting May 10, 2024

Submit travel claims

Consider project proposals

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