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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING November 1, 2024

Supervisors Present: Felipe Lovato, Jr., Chairman

Gerald Chavez Aubrey Dunn Dale Rose

Absentees: David Cain

Larry Gomez Jack Lockridge

Others Present: Dierdre Tarr, District Manager

Josh Archuleta, NRCS, Area Resource Conservationist

Roy Gibson, Associate Supervisor

Katie Mechenbier

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District (CPSWCD) was called to order by Chairman Felipe Lovato, both in person and via Zoom at 8:04 a.m.

Welcome Attendees:

The chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for joining the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The board reviewed the agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dale Rose moved to approve the agenda. Gerald Chavez seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote: Felipe Lovato, aye; Aubrey Dunn, aye; Dale Rose, aye; Gerald Chavez, aye.

APPROVAL/ DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board reviewed the minutes of October 11, 2024. **ACTION TAKEN:** Gerald Chavez moved approval of the minutes of the October 11, 2024 meeting. Aubrey Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote: Felipe Lovato, aye; Aubrey Dunn, aye; Dale Rose, aye; Gerald Chavez, aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT and APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

The board reviewed the treasurer's report for the month of October 2024 with accounts payable for November.

ACTION TAKEN: Aubrey Dunn moved to approve the treasurer's report for October with accounts payable for November. Gerald Chavez seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote: Felipe Lovato, aye; Aubrey Dunn, aye; Dale Rose, aye; Gerald Chavez, aye.

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 05 – 2025 – Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Water Project Grant Agreement for the EBWHRM:

The district manager reviewed the background and approvals of the grant proposal. The award is for \$600,000. The project is under a memorandum of understanding with Ciudad, Central Tri-County, East Torrance, and Claunch-Pinto to do hazardous fuel reduction.

ACTION TAKEN: Gerald Chavez moved to approve Resolution No. 05 – 2025. Aubrey Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote: Felipe Lovato, aye; Aubrey Dunn, aye; Dale Rose, aye; Gerald Chavez, aye.

Resolution No. 06 – 2025 -- Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Water Project Grant Agreement for the GRGWA Project:

The district manager reviewed the approvals of the grant proposal. The project is under a memorandum of understanding with fourteen soil water and water conservation districts. She named the districts included.

ACTION TAKEN: Gerald Chavez moved to approve Resolution 06 -- 2025. Dale Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote: Felipe Lovato, aye; Aubrey Dunn, aye; Dale Rose, aye; Gerald Chavez, aye.

Resolution No. 07 – 2025 – Open Meetings Resolution (Meeting Dates for FY2025 are listed below):

ACTION TAKEN: Aubrey Dunn moved to approve Resolution No. 07 -- 2025. Gerald Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote: Felipe Lovato, aye; Aubrey Dunn, aye; Dale Rose, aye; Gerald Chavez, aye.

Sign for Outside Building:

The district manager explained where the sign would be mounted. It will cost approximately \$161. **ACTION TAKEN:** Gerald Chavez moved to approve the sign. Aubrey Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote with three ayes and one nay. Felipe Lovato, aye; Aubrey Dunn, no; Dale Rose, aye; Gerald Chavez, aye.

REPORTS:

Mr. Dunn asked the district manager to give and update on the Ciudad referendum, but she had no additional information.

South Central Mountain RC&D:

No report.

EBWPC:

No report.

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR INPUT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OTHER:

The district manager said that a new district newsletter is upcoming. An article on the successes of the Corona and Mountainair FAA teams will appear on the front page. She would like to invite the FFA advisors to a board meeting to recognize their contributions to the teams' achievements.

An open house will follow the next board meeting on December 6 in the hopes of bringing in some of the district's cooperators to visit with board members. Victoria Chavez will organize the open house. Ms. Rose complemented Ms. Chavez' contribution to the district's public outreach efforts.

Ms. Mechenbier announced that a training on soil and water conservation district elections will be held on January 24 on zoom.

The district manager displayed a thank you from the Corona FFA and 4-H to the district for its contributions to their buyers' club. She also showed a thank you card from the Mountainair FFA to the district for its advertising contribution for the ranch rodeo.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Regular meeting: Friday, 8:00 a.m. on December 6, 2024 at the Natural Resource Conservation Center, located at 1206 South Highway 5, Mountainair, NM.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the regular meeting of the Claunch-Pinto Board, Dale Rose moved to adjourn. Gerald Chavez seconded the motion.	
DAVID CAIN, VICE CHAIRMAN	GERALD CHAVEZ, SECRETARY