

**Board of Supervisor Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 22, 2022  
Conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams**

Board of Supervisors attending: Chair Abel Camarena, Vice Chair Teresa Smith de Cherif, Treasurer Joseph Moya, Sue Small, Gail Goodman, and Duana Draszkievicz. Others attending: District Director Andrew Hautzinger, Conservation Manager Johnny Chavez, Friends of Whitfield vice president Linda Frazer and MRGCD Agronomist Gabby Coughlin, NMACD officer Brent Van Dyke. Supervisor Richard Bonine was not able to attend due to work related demands and was excused.

**Call To Order:** Chair Abel Camarena called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and verified quorum by roll call.

**1) Agenda Review and Approval:** The agenda was reviewed and Smith de Cherif moved to approve the agenda as presented and Small seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif-Yes; Small-Yes; Goodman-Yes; Draszkievicz-Yes; and Camarena-Yes. (NOTE: Moya was absent for this vote as he was late getting to the meeting due to a doctor's appointment). The motion carried unanimously.

**2) Approval of January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Draszkievicz moved to accept the January meeting minutes and Smith de Cherif seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif-Yes; Small-Yes; Goodman-Yes; Draszkievicz- Yes; Camarena-Yes. (NOTE: Moya was absent for this vote as he was late getting to the meeting due to a doctor's appointment). The motion carried unanimously.

**3) Public Comments:** None received.

**4) District Staff Monthly Report:** Hautzinger presented a summary of the monthly Staff reports. The full reports are available on the VSWCD website and will be attached to these monthly meeting minutes.

**5) Whitfield Committee Update:** Camarena and Hautzinger updated the board on Rio Abajo Conservation Area (RACA) on ongoing conservation and fire mitigation planning efforts and the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area (WWCA) contract. Details are available in Director Hautzinger's monthly report.

**6) Guest Speaker: Rosemary Romero (contracted facilitator for RACA public listening session).** Director Hautzinger introduced Ms Romero to the Board. The Board provided a brief historical overview of RACA along with initial input regarding future management interests for the RACA property. Ms Romero will be available for further input from Supervisors. She will continue to work with Director Hautzinger on the preparations for April public listening session.

**7) Budget & Accounting:**

- Treasure Moya reviewed the expenditure report for January 2022. Moya moved to approve the expenditure report and Smith de Cherif seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif-Yes; Moya-Yes; Small-Yes; Goodman-Yes; Draszkievicz-Yes; Camarena-Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

- Director Hautzinger updated the Board on DFA approval of FY22 Mid-Year Budget Revisions.
- Director Hautzinger requested that the Board approve a \$500.00 contribution in support of the statewide NM Envirothon program. He gave an overview of the NM Envirothon program and past District support of local high schools forming NM EnvironThon teams. Valencia high school has indicated that a few students are interested in forming a team to compete in the 2022 Envirothon. Smith de Cherif moved to approve the \$500.00 contribution in support of the statewide NM Envirothon program and Small seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif-Yes; Moya-Yes; Small-Yes; Goodman-Yes; Draszkievicz-Yes; Camarena-Yes. The motion carried carried unanimously.

**8) Updates/Partner Reports/Correspondence/Other:**

- NMDA January Report by Katie Mechenbier was reviewed.
- NRCS January Report by Martin Meairs was not available. Director Hautzinger informed the Board that Mr. Meairs has transferred from the Los Lunas District office to the Albuquerque area.
- MRGCD Report by Gabby Coughlin was focused on the implementation of a soils lab and the services that will be provided to agricultural producers and community members who need detailed information on protecting soil health on their lands. She mentioned that there is ongoing interest in addressing a variety of water and soil protection issues, including the need for an adaptive drought management strategy.
- FRIENDS of Whitfield January Report by Linda Frazer covered general business, the fund raising auction, recent Friends newsletter and ongoing activities by members and volunteers at WWCA and RACA.
- Correspondence: Director Hautzinger read a thank you letter from a group of high school students from the across the nation who came to New Mexico in association with Society of Range Management Youth Forum. The students were hosted at WWCA on February 7, 2022. Thanks to Supervisor Bonine for his assistance in coordinating the field trip to Whitfield and to Director Hautzinger, Gabby Coughlin (MRGCD soil/agronomist/agro-ecologist), Jim Armendariz (NRCS State Rangeland Management Specialist), Allison Martin (VSWCD Education Manager) for sharing their knowledge and expertise of soil health and land management with the students.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Goodman moved to adjourn the meeting and Smith de Cherif seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif-Yes; Moya-Yes; Small-Yes; Goodman-Yes; Draszkievicz-Yes; Camarena-Yes. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Signatures:

Abel Camarena, Chair  Date 3/22/2022

Andrew Hautzinger, Director  Date 3-22-22

