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**AUGUST:
2022 REG.
MONTHLY
MTG**

Laura McCann and her Red-Tailed Hawk Friend Tuuli-Haukka

**VSWCD Regular Meeting*
via Video/Teleconference
Aug.23rd, 2022 4-to-7 PM
MTG ID: 947 334 101#
See website &/or Page Two
for Video Conference Links,
or
CALL-IN DIRECTLY:
+1 469-965-2602,,947334101#
OR @ the VSWCD District
Office:
2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM
PO Box #170, Belen NM
87002**

***Plz See Page Two for VSWCD's Public Comment Policy (please send comments through USPS mail or via email at public-input@valenciaswcd.org): Address & Name required**

FINAL AGENDA for AUGUST 23rd, 2022:

• Valencia SWCD Regular Board Monthly Meeting

CALL TO ORDER 4:00 P.M.

- (1) **4:00—Verify quorum, conduct pledge of allegiance and agenda review with changes & approvalChair**
- (2) **4:05—Approval of July 26th, 2022 Reg. Mtg. Min's:.....Chair**
- (3) **4:10—Public Comments (e.g., posted letters and emails from public-input@valenciaswcd.org).....Chair**
- (4) **4:25—District Staff Monthly Report (New EEPM Laura McCann introduction).....Staff**
- (5) **4:40—Updates/Partner Reports /Correspondence/Other:**
 - NMDA Monthly Report (Katie Mechenbier)
 - NRCS Monthly Report (Nick Goodman)
 - MRGCD Monthly Report (Gabby Coughlin)
 - Friends of Whitfield Monthly Rpt. (Pres. Linda Frazer)
 - Correspondence (BEMP Annual Rpt., HHB Letter)
- (6) **5:00—Land Use Plan Committee: Informational Presentation by Don Phillips on ValCO's recently passed Natural Resource Overlay Zone (NROZ).....LUP Chair**
- (7) **5:30—Personnel Committee: Recommendation to Board re: VSWCD Entering YDI Adult Program.....PC Chair**
- (8) **5:40—Whitfield Committee: Update to Board (Big Hole recovery, managing mulch pile).....WC Chair**
- (9) **6:00—Budget & Accounting: (Treasurer Moya, Business Manager Owen and CPA Chris Fogel)**
 - Month of July 2022 expenditures review & approval
 - Grant Updates
 - Review & Approval: Sale of Old Blue Ford Tractor
 - Adopting NM's new mileage rate: \$0.625 (vs. \$0.43)
 - Review & Approval: 23AUG22 District Needs List
- (10) **--Supervisor Round Robin.....Board**
***NLT 7 PM ADJOURNMENT.....Chair**

VSWCD STAFF:

- Andrew Hautzinger--District Director
- Megan Owen – Business Manager
- Johnny Chavez – Conservation Program Manager
- Laura McCann—Environmental Education Program Manager
- (vacant)—Education Assistant Intern
- EVUGP Garden Managers: Nohelia Cervantes & Gabi Padilla
- YDI WWCA Field Workers: Samuel Medrano & Gabriel Dimas

NEXT VSWCD REG. BOARD MTG: Tuesday, Sept. 28th, 2022

*** All Agenda Items may be acted upon by the Board *
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***Please: If you are in need of special accommodations to attend, please contact the office at least 3 days prior to meeting ***

Acronyms/Abbreviations:

- BEMP = Bosque Environ. Monitoring Program
CPM = Conservation Program Manager
DD = District Director
DFA = Department of Finance and Administration
EE = Environmental Educator / EE Manager
EVUGP = East Valencia Urban Gardens Program
FWWCA = Friends of Whitfield (501c3)
GRGWA = Greater Rio Grande Watershed Assoc.
HSP = Healthy Soils Program (NMDA)
IRSA = Isleta Reach Stewardship Association
MRGCD = Middle Rio Grande Conservation District
NACD = Nat'l Association of Conservation Districts
NMCD=NM Assoc. of Conservation Districts
NMDA=New Mexico Department of Agriculture
NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service
OMA = Open Meetings Act
WWCA = Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
RACA = Rio Abajo Conservation Area
SWCC = NM Soil & Water Conserv. Commission

Public Comment Policy Statement:

Due to the need to minimize spread of COVID-19 across New Mexico, to keep our communities safe and well, there is a temporary policy for public comments to be read during the livestream remote regular Board meetings until further notice. All public comments for presentation at the meeting must be submitted in writing, with NAME & ADDRESS provided, by mail or email (send to public-input@valenciaswcd.org) UP TO ONE HOUR PRIOR to the start of the meeting. We will check USPS mail no later than 1:00 pm the day before the meeting. Provided comments will be read aloud by a District designate at the meeting. The Chair will keep with the three-minute comment policy per comment to ensure timely conductance of the meeting. The regular policy cited here is for your information when we return to regularly assembled meetings. WHEREAS: The Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978, Chapter 10, Article 15, III Section 10-15-1, Subpart A states "an open public meeting is not necessarily an open forum and, so long as the Act is complied with, public bodies may limit, or not allow public debate and may take steps necessary to maintain public order" and Subpart F states "meeting notices shall include an agenda containing a list of specific items of business to be discussed or transacted at the mtg.". WHEREAS: The Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District (VSWCD) desires to provide opportunity for public comment at meetings under its purview;

VSWCD HOSTED MONTHLY MEETING: INFORMATION TO

JOIN our MICROSOFT TEAMS virtual video and teleconference Board Meeting. Tips on JOINING:

- Make sure you have a good internet connection
• If you are joining by computer/laptop, you should be able to join by web or by Microsoft Teams app
• If you are joining by phone/tablet, you might have to download app to join. Or JUST USE *AUDIO ONLY*
• Do a test run and join the meeting when you have a chance, even if it is days in advance, so you can make sure your settings are correct.

If you need help, Contact VSWCD's Johnny Chavez: johnnychavez@valenciaswcd.org or phone : 505-917-0657

Join our MS-TEAMS Mtg. via computer or mobile app:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWQ3NTZjNzUtMDY4YS00NjdjLWlxZTEtY2JhZTFmYzU0Mzdj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2207b16c2a-d844-4b14-91ae-38859875f32f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227a67d841-8679-44dd-be61-c46b1d221d32%22%7d

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- THEREFORE: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act
• Persons who wish to give comment will so indicate on the sign in sheet prior to start of the meeting.
• Comments need to be received no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting (either at public-input@valenciaswcd.org or via USPS Post the day prior).
• All comments will be limited to 3 minutes and compliance will be enforced to ensure timely conductance of District business.
• Board of Supervisors are under no legal obligation to accept, concur with or record any offered public comment(s).
• Appropriate action(s) will be taken as necessary by the board at the meeting, or otherwise in a timely manner.
*While this policy pertains to conductance of VSWCD meetings, public comments may also be submitted at any time to the District Director, or public email, as shown below:

Phone: 505-864-8914
Letters: VSWCD Attention District Director
PO Box 170, Belen, NM 87002
Email: andrewhautzinger@valenciaswcd.org
Public Input email: public-input@valenciaswcd.org