

Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
307 12th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301
March 10, 2026

Dinner at 5:00 PM at the Office. The meeting followed at 6:00 PM.

Supervisors Present

- Bryan Hightower
- Kendal Wilson
- Melvin Johnson
- Gray Gallacher
- Barbie Roper
- Jim Grider

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at **6:01 PM**.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by **Kendal**, seconded by **Melvin** to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Shares

No action recorded.

Approval of Minutes

February 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by **Gray**, seconded by **Barbie** to approve minutes.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes

- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports & Bills

February Monthly Report

Motion made by **Barbie**, seconded by **Gray** to approve.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Mileage and Per Diem (February)

Reviewed (no formal motion recorded).

Reports

- **NMDA – Katie Crayton:** Supporting documents provided.
- **NRCS – Amalia Montoya:** Supporting documents provided.
- **BLM – Tania Sanchez:** Report given.
- **FSA – Melvin Johnson:** After site visits, drought rating is being pursued at **70%** (minimum 51% required for funding eligibility).
- **Carrizozo SWCD – Fernando Najera:**
 - NMCDE training
 - Rolling Rivers trailer
 - LANRAC (Land Use Plan)
 - CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan)

New Business

Scholarship Application Approval

Includes eligibility for vocational/technical schools and in-person presentation.

Motion made by **Barbie**, seconded by **Kendal**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Internship Application

Motion made by **Gray**, seconded by **Melvin**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Program Updates

- Increase Agricultural Cost Share to **\$10,000**
- Boundary Fence increased to **\$7,500**
- Effective **FY 2026–2027**

Motion made by **Gray**, seconded by **Melvin**.

Amendment: Add FY 2026–2027 effective date.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Applications

District Opportunities Grant

- Add language including list of approved hardy plants
- Consider permanent use of tubs

Motion made by **Melvin**, seconded by **Gray**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Healthy Soils Program Grant

Motion made by **Gray** to authorize Fernando Najera to submit application, seconded by **Jim**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Water Quality and Conservation Grant

Motion made by **Barbie** to authorize Fernando Najera to submit application, seconded by **Gray**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

NM Tech – Phase 1 Deliverables

Motion made by **Kendal**, seconded by **Jim** to accept deliverables.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes

- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

NM Tech – Phase 2 Proposal (Hydrogeological Study)

Motion made by **Barbie**, seconded by **Gray**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Outlay Application – Phase 3 (Hydrogeological Study)

Motion made by **Kendal**, seconded by **Melvin**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement Gift – Stan Towner

\$100 Eagle Guest Ranch gift Certificate.

Motion made by **Gray**, seconded by **Barbie**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Sponsorship – Envirothon

\$100 sponsorship.

Motion made by **Barbie**, seconded by **Kendal**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No items recorded.

Next Meeting

April 14, 2026

- Supper: 6:00 PM at El Corral Café, Corona, NM (*No business discussed*)
- Meeting: 7:00 PM
- Call **575-315-6585** for virtual access

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at **7:25 PM** made by **Kendal**, seconded by **Melvin**.

Vote:

- Kendal – Yes
- Melvin – Yes
- Gray – Yes
- Barbie – Yes
- Jim – Yes

Result: Motion carried unanimously.