

Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District

611 Main Street, Corona, NM 88318

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM (Dinner at 5:00 PM)

Location: Corona, NM

Supervisors Present

- **Bryan Hightower, Chair**
- **Barbie Roper, Vice Chair**
- **Melvin Johnson**
- **Gray Gallacher**
- **Jim Grider**
- **Lee Sultemeier**

Supervisors Absent

- **Kendal Wilson**

Guests

- **Fernando Najera, Carrizozo SWCD**
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1. Call to Order

Chair **Bryan Hightower** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Gray, seconded by Lee. Motion carried.

3. Cost Shares

No cost share applications were presented.

4. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2025

Motion to approve minutes was made by Jim, seconded by Melvin. Motion carried.

5. Financial Reports and Bills

- **September Monthly Report** – Motion to approve by Lee, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.
- **FY25-26 Quarter 1 Report** – Motion to approve by Melvin, seconded by Barbie. Motion carried.
- Vouchers signed.

6. Reports

- **NMDA – Katie Goetz:** Supporting documents provided.
- **NRCS – Stan Towner:** Supporting documents provided.
- **FSA – Melvin Johnson:** Reported that the last meeting was canceled, and the upcoming meeting was postponed due to the federal shutdown.
- **Carrizozo SWCD – Fernando Najera:**
 - Attended Commission meeting.
 - Will attend Interstate Stream Commission hearing October 15–17.
 - Provided updates on the Hydrogeological Study, including the Stockman article featuring SWCD water study reports.
 - Recommended purchasing a **safe** for secure document storage instead of a filing cabinet.

7. New Business

- **Capacity Building Memorandum of Agreement (NMACD):** Reviewed and discussed draft agreement.
- **Cover Capacity Building Employee Hours During Federal Shutdown:**
Motion made by Jim, seconded by Gray, to cover Capacity Building employee wages from District funds during the federal shutdown. Motion carried.
- **Legislative Dinner – December 2025:**
Discussion held on possible dates (December 1, 2, 7, or 8) depending on Oso Grill's availability.
Motion made by Barbie, seconded by Gray, to hold the Legislative Dinner on whichever of those dates Oso Grill is available. Motion carried.
Additional discussion included:
 - Confirming cost and location for the event.
 - Setting initial wages for part-time positions.
 - Consulting with Katie regarding training schedules and planning for the next three years.

8. Old Business

No items discussed.

9. Next Meeting

- **Date:** November 11, 2025
- **Location:** Carrizozo SWCD Office
- **Time:** Supper at 5:00 PM; Meeting at 6:00 PM
- *Note: No business discussed during supper.*
- Virtual access available by calling (575) 315-6585.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Gray, seconded by Barbie. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at **6:56 PM**.
