

Meeting Minutes

Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District

Location: 406 Central Ave, Carrizozo, NM 88301

Dinner: 5:00 PM at Rosey's Pizza

Meeting: 6:00 PM

Date: November 11, 2025

Supervisors Present

Bryan Hightower, Chair

Melvin Johnson

Gray Gallacher

Barbie Roper

Jim Grider

Kendal Wilson

Supervisors Absent

Lee Sultemeier

Guests

Fernando Najera – SWCD

JoAnne Carpenter- SWCD

Jennifer Hopper- NMACD

Stirling Spencer- Producer

Cathie Eisen- Public

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryan Hightower called the meeting to order at **6:02 PM**.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried.

3. Cost Shares

The **Stirling Spencer Solar Pumping Plant** project was reported as completed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the **October 14, 2025** Board of Supervisors meeting minutes was made by **Barbie**, seconded by **Jim**.

Motion carried.

5. Financial Reports and Bills

- **October Monthly Financial Report** – Motion to approve by **Barbie**, seconded by **Melvin**. Motion carried.
- **Mileage and Per Diem Reimbursement for October** – Motion made by **Melvin**, seconded by **Kendal**. Motion carried.
- Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

6. Reports

- **NMDA – Katie Goetz**: Supporting documents provided.
- **NRCS – Stan Towner**: Supporting documents provided.
- **BLM – Tania Sanchez**: No Report
- **FSA – Melvin Johnson**: Reported that the FSA building reopened two weeks prior.
- **Carrizozo SWCD – Fernando Najera**: Provided a **Legislative Dinner update**.

7. New Business

Jennifer Hopper Presentation

-Annual Meeting Location Change

-Discussion held regarding a possible resolution to change the meeting location. A letter and/or resolution will be prepared.

Pumped Storage Project / Intermediary Role

Discussion to include the Army Corps of Engineers, Mountain State Legal Foundation, and Pacific Legal Foundation.

The Board agreed to provide support as needed but not act as the lead entity.

Motion to accept the position statements as presented was made by **Gray**, seconded by **Kendal**.

Motion carried. The District's stance will be sent to Congressional representatives and Senators, and a position statement will be submitted to NMACD for a resolution.

Open Meetings Act – 2026 Adoption

Motion to adopt the Open Meetings Act for 2026 was made by **Jim**, seconded by **Gray**, with a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

Additional Items Added to next meetings Agenda

- Research different equipment types
- New fuser for pipe
- Discuss new equipment rates

8. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:25 pm was approved by roll call vote with all members voting **yes**.

Executive Session ended at **7:35 PM**. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

After returning to regular session, a motion was made by **Jim**, seconded by **Barbie**, to grant a **\$2,500 bonus to Fernando** and a **\$500 bonus to Joanne**.

Motion carried.

The Board also discussed recognizing elected officials and legislators at the Legislative Dinner.

9. Old Business

Capacity Building Grant

Supplies and equipment for the Education and Outreach position (printer, ink, etc.) were

approved.

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

10. Next Meeting

December 9, 2025

Supper at 5:00 PM (No business discussed)

Meeting at 6:00 PM

Call **575-315-6585** for virtual access if needed.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by **Jim**.

Meeting adjourned at **7:47 PM**.
