

CARRIZOZO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

Dinner @5:00 pm No Business discussed

Members Present: Jim Grider, Barbie Roper, Kendal Wilson, Gray Gallacher, Melvin Johnson, Bryan Hightower.

Members Absent: Lee Sultemeier

Others Present: Fernando Najera, Stan Towner, Katie Goetz, Cory Crayton, Amanda Albright

Call to Order:

- The meeting called to order by Kendal Wilson at 6 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Led by Bryan

Approval of Agenda as Presented:

- Moved to Approve by Barbie. Second by Jim. Motion Carried.

Cost Shares: None

Approval of Minutes

- The meeting minutes for the January 9, 2024 Meeting were moved to approve by Melvin. Second by Bryan. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports:

- January Monthly report presented. Discussion over voided checks and QuickBooks

NMDA Report

- See attached Documentation.
- Work Session for Legacy Fund discussed.

NRCS Report

- IRA Funding Discussed
- Soil Tech position and Farm bill specialist position discussed.
- In-office tech problems will hopefully be fixed soon.

FSA

- Physical Assessments for NAP are usually done but weren't this year.
- NAP assessments will be done later in the month with local producers.

Program Director

- LGBMS update
 - The budget has been submitted
 - It is a Hurry-up-and-wait game with DFA
 - We are technically out of compliance with DFA until all Quarterly reports are submitted to them however they don't have enough staff to do their jobs so it's all a waiting game.
- Capital Outlay Funding
 - After going to Santa Fe and speaking with Seantor Burt and his staff I have found that to get full funding we must take our project to a legislator 2 weeks before the opening date so they can look for it as soon as the applications start coming in.

- Senator Soules offered his support for our project.
 - I called his office to give him thanks.
- Cost share Update
 - Jones Corona Ranch has decided to not complete the cost share and apply again at a later date.
- Notary Commission
 - I have received my notary commission and stamp and am ready to complete notary acts for any of our producers and those who need them.

New business

- Scholarships for graduating seniors were discussed and reviewed. Motion made by Bryan, Second by Melvin. Motion Passed.
- The newsletter was looked over and discussed. Motion made by Gray. Second by Barbie. Motion Carried.
- Special meeting for Legacy fund discussed. All agreed that March 21, 2024, will be a work day with the Legacy fund meeting and Regular meetings happening on that day. Motion made by Barbie. Second by Jim. Motion Carried

Next Meeting March 21, 2024

- **Legacy Fund Work Meeting 8 AM-12 PM**
- **Lunch as a group NO BUSINESS DISCUSSED**
- **Regular meeting 1 PM**

Adjourned 7 PM