

Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2026

Time: Dinner at 6:00 PM | Call to Order at 7:05 PM

Location: NRCS Field Office, 307 12th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301

Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Bryan Hightower (Chair)
- Barbie Roper
- Kendal Wilson
- Jim Grider
- Gray Gallacher

Board Members Absent:

- Melvin Johnson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Bryan Hightower.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the board.

- **Motion:** Made by Jim Grider to approve the agenda as presented.
- **Second:** Kendal Wilson.
- **Vote:** Motion carried.

3. Cost-Share Programs

- None.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 12, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting were reviewed.

- **Motion:** Made by Barbie Roper to approve the May minutes.
- **Second:** Gray Gallacher.
- **Vote:** Motion carried.

5. Financial Reports and Bills

The board reviewed the financial packets and signed the corresponding vouchers.

- **May Monthly Financial Report:**
 - *Motion:* Made by Barbie Roper to approve the report.
 - *Second:* Jim Grider.
 - *Vote:* Motion carried.
- **May Mileage and Per Diem Reimbursements:**
 - *Motion:* Made by Jim Grider to approve the monthly reimbursements.
 - *Second:* Gray Gallacher.
 - *Vote:* Motion carried.

6. Agency and District Reports

- **New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA):** Report submitted by Katie Crayton (see supporting documents).
 - *Special Presentation:* Noted the upcoming Western SARE conference in Corona on August 11th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. A presentation will be delivered for producers during the lunch hour.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Report submitted by Amalia (see supporting documents).
- **Farm Service Agency (FSA):** Report provided regarding a possible letter of protest (submitted on behalf of Melvin Johnson).
- **Bureau of Land Management (BLM):** No Report
- **Carrizozo SWCD Report:** District updates provided by Fernando Najera.
- **ICIP Update:** Discussion held regarding the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. Key operational considerations and queries included:
 - Clarifying vehicle insurance routing and tracking annual maintenance costs for a Chevy or Dodge truck.
 - Evaluating a telecommunication and connectivity suite featuring Starlink for shared District and NRCS use.
 - Reviewing equipment needs, including a drone for spray and seeding applications, general sprayers, and heavy-duty equipment for field dispatch.

7. New Business

- **Annual Work Plan:** The formal roadmap outlining district priorities was presented.
 - *Motion:* Made by Gray Gallacher to approve the Annual Work Plan.
 - *Second:* Kendal Wilson.
 - *Vote:* Motion carried.
- **Point System Worksheet:** Item presented and reviewed by the board.
- **Budget Adjustment Resolution:** Presented for formal board approval.
 - *Motion:* Made by Gray Gallacher to approve the Budget Adjustment Resolution.
 - *Roll Call Vote:* All members present voted in the affirmative (Melvin Johnson absent). Motion carried.
- **NMACD Capacity Building Contract Renewal:** The annual contract renewal was presented.
 - *Motion:* Made by Kendal Wilson to approve the renewal.
 - *Second:* Gray Gallacher.
 - *Vote:* Motion passed.
- **District Opportunities Grant Acceptance:** The board reviewed terms for the grant acceptance.
 - *Motion:* Made by Kendal Wilson to accept the grant.
 - *Second:* Barbie Roper.
 - *Vote:* Motion passed.

8. Old Business

- **Future Agenda Item:** Directed staff to add "Fair Contribution for Furthering Education and Involvement in Natural Resources" to the next regular meeting agenda.
- **Special Meeting Notice:** The board noted the possibility of scheduling a special meeting prior to July 1st.

9. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Motion made and carried to adjourn the meeting.
- **Vote:** Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting Notice

Date: July 14, 2026

Timeline: Dinner at 6:00 PM (No business discussed) | Meeting at 7:00 PM

Location: NRCS Field Office

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