

# MEETING MINUTES

**Committee//Group:** EAST TORRANCE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
**Date:** August 11, 2010  
**Chair Present:** Ryan Schwebach  
**Members Present /Titles** Bill Wrye – Vice-Chair, Jim Berlier – Secretary / Treasurer, Johnny Lujan – member, Others & Guests: Cheri Lujan – District Manger, Dan Embree – Guest, Jennifer Beavers – Guest, Rick Lopez – Guest, Ronnie Harral – Guest  
**Absent:** Mike Valdez– member

Topic (Agenda Item) & Summary of Discussion	Follow Up Action/ <b>Rick Lopez</b> – Guest Discussion Party	Responsible	Status (Open/Closed)
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M	<b>Ryan Schwebach</b>	Standing Agenda Item
Approval of Agenda	It was moved by Jim Berlier to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Bill Wrye. Motion carried unanimously.	<b>Ryan Schwebach</b>	Standing Agenda Item <b>Action taken</b>
Approval of minutes 7/14/2010 & 8/3/2010 minutes	Minutes of the regular July meeting and the August 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Discussion followed with Johnny Lujan questioning comments made during both meeting not seen in the minutes. Discussion followed with adding under announcements /discussion items on line 12 in the July 14, 2010 minutes, after the sentence ending with Santa Fe inserting District Manager asked if she needed to have her lawyer present if they were going to bring up the old stuff again about Santa Fe, Mr. Valdez noted that she should because the item will be discussed. Discussion followed with adding comments made by Johnny Perea in the August 3, 2010 minutes under guest page five line 23 adding comments about his kids being targeted by either Brad Podoll or Mike Valdez. District Manager stated that she was unsure if the comments were directed at anyone in particular but would review the tape and insert the comment as made on the tape. Following review and discussion motion made by Jim Berlier to accept the meeting minutes as amended with Johnny Lujan seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously. District Manager will make the changes for review and signature by the Chair.	<b>Ryan Schwebach</b>	Standing Agenda Item <b>Action taken</b>
Treasurer's Report	<b>Monthly Report</b> District Manager reviewed the financial report with board members. Following review and discussion of the monthly financial report motion made by Johnny Lujan and second by Jim Berlier to approve the bills submitted and paid and file financial report for audit. Motion carried unanimously.		Standing Agenda Item <b>Action taken</b>
Correspondence		<b>Cheri Lujan</b>	

	<p>Written correspondence to the board was reviewed: <b><u>Cibola National Forest:</u></b> Letter asking for input on a proposal of planting approximately 40 acres of ponderosa pine seedling during spring 2011 (info was given out fore review for review), <b><u>Upper Hondo SWCD:</u></b> Letter addressed to NMACD withdrawing from NMACD membership (Letter given out for review) <b><u>NMACD:</u></b> Letter addressed to Upper Hondo responding to the withdraw letter (copy of letter was given out for review, <b><u>Forestry Notes:</u></b> - newsletter, <b><u>NMACD :</u></b> Newsletter, <b><u>Department of Finance:</u></b> Letter approving the ETSWCD final budget for FY 2010-2011 as submitted., <b><u>Cibola National Forest:</u></b> Letter and booklet explaining the preparation of an Environmental Assessment for intergraded pest management of noxious invasive plants on the Kiowa-Rita Blanca National Grasslands and the Magdalena, Mount Traylor, and Mountainair Ranger Districts. Proposed action would use a variety of methods including mechanical, cultural, and herbicide treatments to control noxious weeds and invasive plants on the forest and grasslands. <b><u>NRCS:</u></b> Letter explaining the background investigation fees effective October 1, 2010, NRCS will pay for the cost of required background checks for new hires. (letter was given out for review)</p> <p>Following review of the correspondence the Chairman recognized each guest by name for Mr. Dan Embree to ensure he knew everyone before he addressed the board. Following introductions Mr. Dan Embree spoke to the board in addressing his letters concerning prayer at public meetings and use a non sectarian invocation. Mr. Embree spoke of Supreme Court rulings and urged the board to comply with the ruling because it's the law and because the board took an oath to support the constitution. Mr. Embree gave a couple of court examples with ending his comments in respectfully asking the board to make a policy on the matter. He continued in giving an example of a way out to ask for silence for an invocation which would allow each person to do whatever seems most important to each person at that time of moment. Mr. Embree asked in anyone had any questions. None noted. Mr. Schwebach thanked Mr. Embree for coming to the board meeting and addressing the board.</p>	<p>Standing Agenda Item No Action taken</p>
<p>Guests</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ryan Schwebach</b></p> <p>Ryan Schwebach recognized all guests in attendance. Mr. Rick Lopez spoke in reference to research he had done and conversations he had with Former Congressman Steve Pearce in reference to invocations.</p>	
<p>09-10 Work Plan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheri Lujan</b></p> <p>2010-2011 annual work plan was submitted for review and approval for the FY. Following review and discussion motion made by Jim Berlier and seconded by Bill Wrye to approve annual work plan as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Standing Agenda Item No Action Taken</p>
<p>District Manger Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheri Lujan</b></p> <p>Cheri Lujan reviewed written report with the board. District Manger updated the board on cost share projects check out and still waiting to be planned. Tree will</p>	<p>Standing Agenda Item No Action taken</p>

	<p>be replaced in front of the Educational Complex in October 2010. All Watershed Health Restoration projects have been signed but one due to landowner living in Florida. District Manager updated the board of attendance at the last Water and Natural Resource meeting held in Santa Fe July 21, 2010. Copies of handouts received at the meeting were given out for review. Discussion followed with newsletter not received to mail out due to a conflict at the printers with the pictures. District Manager will see if deadline for tree orders could be changed before they are printed. Meetings attended and workshops were given out on report along with Educational Complex Usage dates for review and open for questions. Deadlines, Meetings, training, and draft planned meetings, trainings, and time off were submitted on written report for review. See attached report for more detailed information on district manager's monthly report.</p>	
NRCS Field Office Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brad Podoll</b></p> <p>No one in attendance from NRCS with no report submitted.</p>	Standing Agenda Item
State Land Office Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tom Perkins</b></p> <p>Mr. Perkins was unable to attend the meeting gave report during the August 3, 2010 meeting.</p>	Standing Agenda Item
Farm Service Agency	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Johnny Perea</b></p> <p>Johnny Perea was unable to attend the meeting gave report during the August 3, 2010 meeting.</p>	
Soil & Water Specialist Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roy Todd</b></p> <p>Roy Todd NMDA was unable to attend the meeting. Submitted written report given out for review. Items discussed in report were #2 ( NMSU overhead Charges Rescinded), #4 (New Supervisor Training, and #5 (Agriculture Security Class).</p>	Standing Agenda Item
New Business	<p><b>2010 Annual Meeting</b></p> <p>Discussion of the 2010 annual meeting was discussed with having one of the topics on noxious weeds. Tentative date of November 10, 2010 was set.</p> <p><b>CFRP Grant</b></p> <p>District Manager updated the board of applying for the 2011 deadline for a CFRP grant in the Tajique area. Jim Berlier noted on working with the Forest Service and gave examples of NMACD's meeting with the Regional Forester and work done with BLM and the Forest Service in the watershed and statewide and thought this project would be beneficial and helpful. Following review and discussion motion made by Jim Berlier and seconded by Bill Wrye to allow District Manager to proceed on the planning process of the grant submission. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>No Action taken</p> <p><b>Action taken</b></p>

Announcements / Discussion Items	Discussion followed with NMACD work in getting an MOU with the Forest Service and the work done in the State with BLM.	
Next Board Meeting/ Adjournment	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ryan Schwebach</b></p> With no further business to discuss chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM. Next regular board meeting will be September 8, 2010 at 6:00 pm.	

Respectfully submitted,  
 Cheri Lujan, District Manager

Reviewed and approved by: \_\_\_\_\_