

**ROOSEVELT SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MONTHLY MEETING**

November 10, 2023; 7:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Call the meeting to order

Opening Prayer

U.S. Pledge of Allegiance

New Mexico Pledge of Allegiance (I salute the flag of the State of **New Mexico** and the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.)

Approve the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes – October 12, 2023

Financial Reports

General account

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Approve all bills due

NRCS Report

NMDA Report

Review the mail

Project Reports

Playa Lakes Restoration Project

Weather Program

Shade Ball Conservation Project

High Plains CWMA

Well Monitoring

ZiaMet

Cost-Share Program

Old Business

New Business

Dylan Marks – Supervisor Appointment

Open Meetings Act – Resolution #6-2024

Annual Partners Meeting

NACD Sponsorship– 2024

Prairie Partners Meeting RSVP – Dec. 5th, 2023

Pay Surety Bond - \$591.06

Building Issues – Gate & Opener

Supervisor Reports

Administrative Assistant Report

FSA Report

Public Comment – Comments are limited to 2 minutes per person. Total of 30 minutes.

**The Board may enter into Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda pursuant to NMSA 1978,
Section 10-15-1(H).**



ROOSEVELT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

050 NM Highway 467

Portales, New Mexico 88130

575 356-6629

Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting November 10, 2023

Board Members Present

Mike Cone Sharon Davis
Rick Ledbetter Quentin Carnes

Absent

Kendell Buzard
Mitzi Miller

Others Present:

Dean Bruce Dylan Marks
Christopher Rustay George Bomar
Mike Rackler Dawn Privett

Mike Cone called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m.

Opening prayer, U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, & New Mexico Pledge.

Agenda: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the agenda as presented. Quentin Carnes seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Quentin Carnes moved to approve the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Rick Ledbetter seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Reports & Bills: Quentin Carnes moved to approve the financial reports for filing and bills for payment. Rick Ledbetter seconded. Motion carried. (See attached.)

NRCS Report: The NRCS report was reviewed.

NMDA Report: Dean Bruce presented the NMDA Report.

Review Mail: The mail was reviewed.

Playa Lakes Restoration Project: Christopher Rustay presented an updated Playa Restoration Project Payment Schedule.

Weather Program: The renewal of our cloud-seeding license/permit is still pending with ISC.

George Bomar will attend the North American Weather Modification Council Conference in Boise, Idaho, on Nov. 15th. A member from ISC is also planning on attending.

George Bomar stated that the funding opportunity from NOAA was for research only.

He stated that he will contact the Bureau of Reclamation regarding their funding opportunities.

Charlie Marquez will schedule a meeting with our Board Members and local Legislators to discuss our Weather Program and Capital Outlay Funding Requests.

Shade Ball Water Conservation Project: Four truckloads of shade balls have been ordered and are ready for pickup. The first load to Kent, TX has been picked up and delivered. The second load to Fort Stockton will be picked up today. The next two loads will be picked up in the next couple of weeks.

No further information has been gathered regarding our research project. We will follow-up with Patrick Kircher and Sam Smallidge.

High Plains CWMA: Meeting will be held this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Well Monitoring: The monitoring unit on the well has been removed.

ZiaMet Program: [ZiaMet Weather Station Network \(nmsu.edu\)](https://nmsu.edu/zia).

Cost-Share Program: No new information.

Dylan Marks – Supervisor Appointment: Quentin Carnes moved to appoint Dylan Marks as an Appointed Supervisor. Rick Ledbetter seconded. Motion carried.

Open Meetings Act – Resolution #6-2024: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution #6-2024. Quentin Carnes seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote was unanimously approved.

Annual Partners Meeting: Rick Ledbetter moved to sponsor the Annual Partners Meeting in December at Cattle Baron. Sharon Davis seconded. Motion carried.

NACD Sponsorship – 2024: Rick Ledbetter moved to pay \$501 for our 2024 NACD Sponsorship. Quentin Carnes seconded. Motion carried.

Prairie Partners Meeting RSVP – Dec. 5th, 2023: Dawn Privett is planning on attending the meeting in Tucumcari.

Pay Surety Bond - \$591.06: Rick Ledbetter moved to pay the surety bond in the amount of \$591.06. Sharon Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Building Issues: The USDA sign has become illegible and will be taken down until a new one is received.

Quentin is working on estimates to repair/replace our gate opener.

Supervisor Reports: Rick Ledbetter, Mike Cone, Charlie Marquez, and George Bomar met with Representative Nathan Small on a Zoom call to discuss our weather program and funding needs.

Mike Cone and Sharon Davis attended the Farm Bureau 30x30 Meeting on Oct. 23rd at the 1st Methodist Church in Portales.

Rick Ledbetter, Sharon Davis, Mike Cone, Kendell Buzard, and Quentin Carnes attended a meeting regarding the 30x30 program on November 1st, in Clovis, NM. Although a quorum was present, no District business was conducted.

Kendell Buzard and Dawn Privett attended the NMACD Annual Meeting in Albuquerque on November 7-8. They, along with Charlie Marquez, spoke to several legislators who were present regarding our Weather Program and Capital Outlay requests.

Rick Ledbetter moved to nominate Pat Boone to fill Senator Stuart Ingle's vacant position. Quentin Carnes seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report: Dawn Privett gave her report.

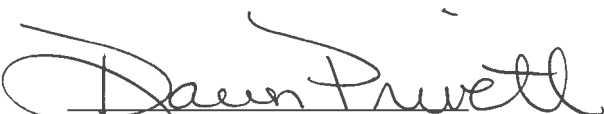
FSA: No report.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Next month's meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. at the Portales USDA Office.

Quentin Carnes moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:08 a.m. Rick Ledbetter seconded. Motion carried.


Chairman


Administrative Assistant

Roosevelt Soil & Water Conservation District

11/1/2023 7:54 PM

Register: JP Stone Community Bank

From 09/28/2023 through 10/31/2023

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

| Date | Number | Payee | Account | Memo | Payment | C | Deposit | Balance |
|------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------|---|-----------|------------|
| 09/29/2023 | | | -split- | Deposit | | X | 30,622.42 | 139,139.66 |
| 09/29/2023 | | | Interest Income | Interest | | X | 0.88 | 139,140.54 |
| 09/29/2023 | | NM Taxation and Re... | Taxes-CRS | | 1,348.43 | X | | 137,792.11 |
| 09/29/2023 | debit | US Treasury | -split- | 85-0324208 | 543.50 | X | | 137,248.61 |
| 09/29/2023 | debit | NM Taxation and Re... | Payroll Liabilities | 02-194990-005 | 19.16 | X | | 137,229.45 |
| 09/29/2023 | debit | NM Taxation and Re... | -split- | | 34.40 | | | 137,195.05 |
| 09/29/2023 | debit | NM Dept of Workfor... | Payroll Liabilities | 18-0779-1 | 28.42 | X | | 137,166.63 |
| 10/02/2023 | 5749 | Visa | -split- | #1891 | 311.04 | X | | 136,855.59 |
| 10/02/2023 | 5747 | Dawn M. Privett | -split- | | 874.97 | X | | 135,980.62 |
| 10/02/2023 | 5748 | Robin L. Griffith | -split- | | 310.17 | X | | 135,670.45 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5755 | AT&T | -split- | #287293593357 | 78.08 | X | | 135,592.37 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5756 | Roosevelt County W... | -split- | #00004171 | 195.67 | X | | 135,396.70 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5757 | Yucca Telecom | -split- | #22480 | 89.95 | X | | 135,306.75 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5758 | Jori's Landscape Mai... | Building Expenses:Rep... | Invoice #2719 | 350.00 | X | | 134,956.75 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5750 | Kendell R. Buzard | -split- | | 39.56 | | | 134,917.19 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5751 | Mike Cone | -split- | | 39.56 | | | 134,877.63 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5752 | Mitzi Miller | -split- | | 39.56 | X | | 134,838.07 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5753 | Rick G Ledbetter | -split- | | 39.56 | | | 134,798.51 |
| 10/04/2023 | 5754 | Sharon L. Davis | -split- | | 39.55 | | | 134,758.96 |
| 10/09/2023 | 5759 | Roosevelt County El... | Utilities | #753427 | 984.48 | X | | 133,774.48 |
| 10/12/2023 | 5760 | NMACD | Education Program/Sp... | Sponsorship | 200.00 | X | | 133,574.48 |
| 10/12/2023 | 5761 | Roosevelt County Fa... | Education Program/Sp... | 30x30 Meeting... | 500.00 | | | 133,074.48 |
| 10/15/2023 | 5762 | Dawn M. Privett | -split- | | 876.97 | X | | 132,197.51 |
| 10/15/2023 | 5763 | Robin L. Griffith | -split- | | 312.18 | | | 131,885.33 |
| 10/23/2023 | 5764 | S.O.S. Waste Dispos... | Utilities | Invoice #200144 | 84.00 | X | | 131,801.33 |
| 10/25/2023 | | | Rental Income | Deposit | | X | 7,430.00 | 139,231.33 |
| 10/25/2023 | | | | VOID: Deposit | | X | 0.00 | 139,231.33 |
| 10/25/2023 | 5765 | Visa | -split- | #1891 | 716.52 | | | 138,514.81 |
| 10/31/2023 | | | Interest Income | Interest | | X | 1.19 | 138,516.00 |



November 8, 2023

Team 11 NRCS Field Office Report for November 2023

Programs

FY2024 Program signup deadlines were November 3rd, the ranking deadline for EQIP Classic is February 16th.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) application deadlines:

EQIP – April 26, 2024

CSP – January 5, 2024

Team 11 submitted 3 IRA watershed proposals, one for Irrigated Cropland, Dry Cropland and Rangeland. IRA applications can only include Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry (CSAF) Mitigation Activities (attached) as primary practices as well as practices that are needed to facilitate CSAF practices.

IRA applications are funded using NRCS policy ACTNow, the process is as follows:

1. As IRA applications are accepted, they must be planned in the order they are received and ranked.
2. Applications must be ranked within 15 days of receipt of the application.
3. If they meet the ranking threshold set in the watershed proposal, they are automatically funded and contracts obligated.
4. If they do not meet the ranking threshold, after the April 26th deadline, if money is remaining they will be funded in ranking score order.

Obligation deadline will be May 31, 2024 for all contracts.

NRCS is accepting applications for RCPP – Eastern New Mexico Prairie Grasslands Initiative

NRCS has received the list of Grassland CRP offers to complete plans for, there are 124 between the two offices, final conservation plans are due December 15th.

Staffing Updates

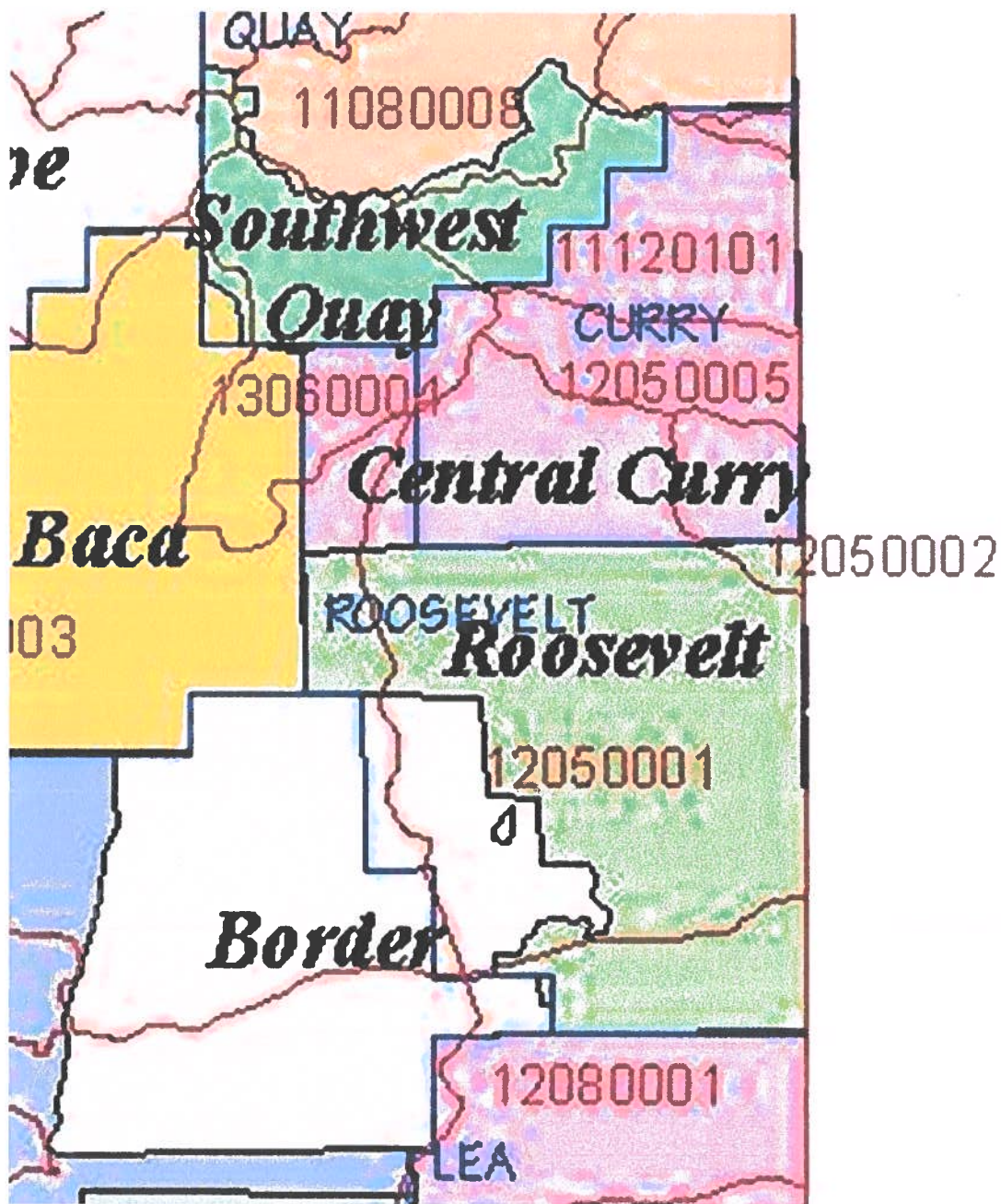
- New Employees:
 - Jake Cooper – Portales – Natural Resource Specialist – Started 9/24/23
- Current Team 11 Vacancies:
 - Soil Conservationist – Clovis – Posted as a Recent Grads on USAjobs
 - Natural Resource Specialist – Clovis – Offer has been made
 - Soil Conservation Technician – Portales – Offer has been made

Jack Martinez is staying with Team 11

Please visit [Farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov) to get current updates on USDA programs.

D'Laynn Bruce

Team 11 District Conservationist



Grazed Range - Yellow House Draw (12050001); Running Water Draw (12050005); Blackwater Draw (12050002); Tierra Blanca (11120101)

Irrigated Cropland - Yellow House Draw (12050001); Running Water Draw (12050005); Blackwater Draw (12050002)

Dry Cropland - Yellow House Draw (12050001); Running Water Draw (12050005); Blackwater Draw (12050002); Tierra Blanca (11120101)



Resolution #6-2024

**ROOSEVELT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, SECTION 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission, or other policy-making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulation of public policy, discussing public business, or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission, or other policy-making body, are declared to be public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule regulation, or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 C of Open Meetings Act requires the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District on this 10th day of November 2023:

1. Regular meetings of the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District shall ordinarily be held each month at 7:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A proposed agenda will be available from the Administration Assistant. The office is located at 050 NM Highway 467, Portales, NM. Notice of regular meetings will be given four (4) days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing.
2. Notice of regular meetings shall be posted three (3) days before each regular meeting.

3. The Chairman may call special meetings of the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District, or a majority of the members, upon seven (7) days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.
4. Emergency meetings of the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District are meetings called under circumstances, which demand immediate action, by the Board of Supervisors. The Chairman or majority of the members upon eight (8) hours notice may call emergency meetings. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.
5. The Board may enter into Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda.
6. Zoom access may be requested.

Phil Lov
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Dated 11/10/23

This resolution passed upon motion by Rick Ledbetter
and seconded by Quentin Carnes.

Mitzi Miller _____

Mike Cone Phil Lov

Rick Ledbetter Rick Ledbetter

Kendell Buzard _____

Quentin Carnes Quentin Carnes

Sharon Davis Sharon Davis

Playa Restoration Payments:

1. Filling a pit -
 - a. \$3,500 (for pits smaller than 0.5 acres)
 - b. \$5,750 (for pits greater than 0.5 acres)
 - c. \$11,000 (for pits greater than 1.75 acres)
 - a. \$16,500 (for pits greater than 3.00 acres)
2. Buffer planting
 - a. Cover Crop \$81.42/acre (or Native only cover at \$195.81)
 - b. Range Planting \$318.93/acre (heavy seeding of at least 3 native perennial grasses and forbs)
3. Sediment Removal
 - a. \$3.95/ cubic yard of sediment removal (based on PLJV/NMDGF soil survey)
4. Channel Remediation
 - a. Cost determined during review; average expected payment
~\$23,000 per channel
5. Other restorations - Costs TBD