



**Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District  
Monthly Meeting  
January 11, 2024**

**Board Members Present**

**Mike Cone Mitzi Miller  
Rick Ledbetter Quentin Carnes  
Dylan Marks**

**Absent**

**Sharon Davis  
Kendell Buzard**

**Others Present:**

**Dean Bruce D'Llyann Bruce  
George Bomar Jeff Davis  
Evelyn Ledbetter Dawn Privett**

Mike Cone called the meeting to order at 7:06 a.m.

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

Agenda: Quentin Carnes moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the December 19, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried.

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

NRCS Report: D'Llyann Bruce presented the NRCS report. (See attached.)

NMDA Report: Dean Bruce presented the NMDA Report.

Review Mail: The mail was reviewed.

Evelyn Ledbetter – ENMU FM Development Director KENW – Sponsorship Request:  
Evelyn is the Director of Promotion for KENW and is the current host for the television program "You Should Know." Our chairman (Mike Cone) and our cloud-seeding consultant (George Bomar) have both been on a segment of the program.

Evelyn would like to create a weekly agriculture segment for her show. This would provide the public with facts and interesting components of the agriculture industry in our area. The Board suggested that they could apply for grant funding through the upcoming Legacy Fund for outreach and education to provide funding for this program.

Playa Restoration Project: A W-9 was signed for the NM State Land Office.

Weather Program: George Bomar discussed the US Environmental Protection Agency grant that he is working on for our cloud-seeding project. Dawn will meet with him next week to work on the application.

East Torrance SWCD has requested information on our Weather Program. We will offer to attend one of their meetings to discuss the program with them.

Shade Ball Water Conservation Project: RFPs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the shade ball storage building have been sent. The Proposal for Phase 1 is due on February 1, 2024. The Proposal for Phase 2 is due on May 1, 2024.

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

High Plains CWMA: The next High Plains CWMA meeting is this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

ZiaMet Program: The unit is still not measuring rainfall.  
[ZiaMet Weather Station Network \(nmsu.edu\)](https://nmsu.edu).

Cost-Share Program – Barry Hays Application: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the cost-share application from Barry Hays to refurbish a stock tank in the amount of \$4,050. The District will pay half of the total up to \$2,000. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Re-Organize Board/Elect Officers/Oaths of Office: Mitzi Miller moved to keep the officers as they were assigned last year. Rick Ledbetter seconded. Motion carried. (Mike Cone- chairman/Quentin Carnes – Vice Chair/Rick Ledbetter – Secretary/Treasurer)

Dylan Marks has been approved by the SWCC as an appointed supervisor.

Oaths of Office were handed out to Rick Ledbetter, Mitzi Miller, Dylan Marks and will be mailed to Kendell Buzard and Sharon Davis, who were not in attendance.

The executed Oaths of Office will be submitted to the NM Secretary of State.

Mid-Year Budget Review: The Board reviewed the 2024 Budget.

Review Bonding: The Board reviewed the current bonding, which was paid on November 9, 2023.

2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Budget Report: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the Report. Quentin Carnes seconded. Motion carried.

2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Capital Outlay Report – Storage Bldg.: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the Report. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried.

2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly WQ&C Grant (Shade Balls Research) Report: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the Report. Dylan Marks seconded. Motion carried.

2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly WQ&C Grant (Noxious Weeds) Report: Rick Ledbetter moved to approve the Report. Dylan Marks seconded. Motion carried.

Sign 941 Tax Document: Rick Ledbetter signed the document.

Collin Carnes – pay rate for part-time work for District: Rick Ledbetter moved to pay Collin Carnes \$18 per hour for work for the District. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Building Issues: Quentin Carnes moved to pay to replace the light fixtures and bulbs with LEDs throughout the office. Dylan Marks seconded. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports: Rick Ledbetter informed the Board of a Farm Bill Roundtable meeting in Clovis, NM on January 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

Administrative Assistant Report: Dawn Privett gave her report.

FSA: No report.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Rick Ledbetter moved to enter Executive Session. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote was unanimously approved.

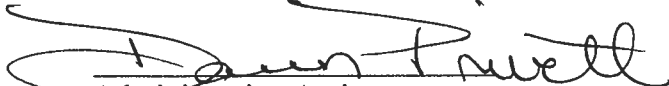
Dylan Marks moved to exit from Executive Session. Mitzi Miller seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote was unanimously approved.

No action was taken.

Next month's meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. at the Portales USDA Office.

Quentin Carnes moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:14 a.m. Dylan Marks seconded. Motion carried.

  
Chairman

  
Administrative Assistant

## Roosevelt Soil &amp; Water Conservation District

1/2/2024 9:25 AM

Register: JP Stone Community Bank

From 11/30/2023 through 12/31/2023

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
11/30/2023			Interest Income	Interest		X	1.03	87,919.92
12/01/2023	5792	Microdyne Plastics, L...	Shade Balls Purchase	Invoice #00159...	22,100.00	X		65,819.92
12/01/2023	5790	Dawn M. Privett	-split-		876.97	X		64,942.95
12/01/2023	5791	Robin L. Griffith	-split-		312.17	X		64,630.78
12/07/2023	5797	Roosevelt County W...	Utilities	#00004171	201.82	X		64,428.96
12/07/2023	5798	Roosevelt County El...	Utilities	#753427	1,104.95	X		63,324.01
12/07/2023	5799	AT&T	Utilities	#287293593357	78.72	X		63,245.29
12/07/2023	5800	Jori's Landscape Mai...	Building Expenses:Rep...	Invoice #2787	350.00	X		62,895.29
12/07/2023	5801	Clovis Media Inc.	Advertising	Open Mtgs Act...	129.83	X		62,765.46
12/07/2023	5802	Yucca Telecom	Utilities	#22480	89.95	X		62,675.51
12/07/2023	5803	Quentin G Carnes	Training/Meetings	Mileage to Prai...	122.05	X		62,553.46
12/07/2023	5793	Mike Cone	-split-		41.56			62,511.90
12/07/2023	5794	Quentin G Carnes	-split-		41.56	X		62,470.34
12/07/2023	5795	Rick G Ledbetter	-split-		41.56	X		62,428.78
12/07/2023	5796	Sharon L. Davis	-split-		41.56			62,387.22
12/12/2023	5804	Willoughby & Willo...	Professional Fees:Audi...	Invoice #83783...	2,104.78			60,282.44
12/14/2023	debit	US Treasury	-split-	85-0324208	536.68	X		59,745.76
12/15/2023			Sale of Shade Balls	Deposit		X	16,120.00	75,865.76
12/15/2023	debit	NM Taxation and Re...	Payroll Liabilities	02-194990-005	19.16	X		75,846.60
12/15/2023	debit	NM Taxation and Re...	Taxes-CRS		1,530.79	X		74,315.81
12/15/2023	5808	Z7 Farms	Shade Balls Purchase	Purchase Pallet...	660.00	X		73,655.81
12/15/2023	5809	Z7 Farms	Shade Balls Purchase	Shade Ball Unl...	260.00	X		73,395.81
12/15/2023	5810	Cox Refrigeration & ...	Building Expenses:Rep...	Invoice #i68118	3,538.83	X		69,856.98
12/15/2023	5811	Cox Refrigeration & ...	Building Expenses:Rep...	Invoice #i69130	367.41	X		69,489.57
12/15/2023	5812	Cox Refrigeration & ...	Building Expenses:Rep...	Invoice #i68479	367.41	X		69,122.16
12/15/2023	5805	Dawn M. Privett	-split-		876.97	X		68,245.19
12/15/2023	5806	Robin L. Griffith	-split-		312.18			67,933.01
12/15/2023	5807	Dawn M. Privett	-split-		2,770.50	X		65,162.51
12/19/2023			Sale of Shade Balls	Deposit		X	682.00	65,844.51
12/19/2023	5813	S.O.S. Waste Dispos...	Utilities	Invoice #204463	84.00	X		65,760.51
12/20/2023	5814	Rick G Ledbetter	Mileage/Travel	Mileage Reimb...	133.38			65,627.13
12/20/2023	5815	Kendell R. Buzard	Mileage/Travel	Mileage Reimb...	38.61			65,588.52
12/25/2023			Rental Income	Deposit		X	7,430.00	73,018.52
12/29/2023			Interest Income	Interest		X	0.64	73,019.16
12/29/2023	5816	Visa	-split-	#1891	2,468.58			70,550.58
12/31/2023	debit	US Treasury	-split-	85-0324208	995.62			69,554.96
12/31/2023	debit	NM Taxation and Re...	Payroll Liabilities	02-194990-005	19.16			69,535.80
12/31/2023	debit	NM Taxation and Re...	Taxes-CRS		800.10			68,735.70
12/31/2023	debit	NM Taxation and Re...	-split-		34.40			68,701.30
12/31/2023	derbit	NM Dept of Workfor...	Payroll Liabilities	18-0779-1	38.56			68,662.74

# Roosevelt SWCD Noxious Weed Account

1/2/2024 9:39 AM

Register: Noxious Weed Account

From 10/25/2023 through 12/31/2023

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
10/25/2023			Grant Funding	Deposit		X	382.85	831.23
10/25/2023	1015	Border SWCD	Other Types of Expens...	Reimbursement...	382.85	X		448.38



January 10, 2024

Team 11 NRCS Field Office Report for January 2024

### **Programs**

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

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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, signup deadline is January 19, 2024.

### **Staffing Updates**

- Current Team 11 Vacancies:
  - Farm Bill Specialist – Portales – Part Time
  - Natural Resource Specialist – Clovis – Offer has been made
  - Natural Resource Specialist – Clovis – Just Posted, Closes January 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Soil Conservation Technician – Portales – Marissa Rosen Starts January 16<sup>th</sup>

**Holiday Office Closures** – Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

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

D'Llaynn Bruce

Team 11 District Conservationist