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CIUDAD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Hybrid Meeting

November 16, 2026
Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** **4:30 pm**
   A. Supervisors present: Attendance confirmed by roll call. A Quorum was present.

   Roll call: Steve Glass: Present
   Tom Allen: Present
   Ramona Goolsby: Present
   Maria Young: Present
   Daniel Conklin: Present
   Sarah Hurteau: Present (departed by 5:30)
   Charlene Pyskoty: Present

   B. Supervisors Absent:
   C. Others Present: Tammy Silva, Joshua O'Halloran, Erin Blaz, Hector Alvarez (left at 5:37)

2. **Agenda for 11/16/2026** Review and Approval (**Action Item**): Tom Allen moved to approve the 11/16/2026 agenda. Seconded by Charlene Pyskoty and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Steve Glass: Yes
   Tom Allen: Yes
   Ramona Goolsby: Yes
   Maria Young: Yes
   Daniel Conklin: Yes
   Sarah Hurteau: Yes
   Charlene Pyskoty: Yes

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
   A. Review and Approval (**Action Item**): Tom Allen moved to approve the Draft Board **10.19.26 Meeting Minutes**. Seconded by Dan Conklin and approved by roll-call vote.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Steve Glass: Yes
   Tom Allen: Yes
   Ramona Goolsby: Yes

Maria Young: Yes
Daniel Conklin: Yes
Sarah Hurteau: Abstain
Charlene Pyskoty: Yes

4. **Guest Presentation**: Brenda was unable to attend, but sent comments. Summary of comments 1. MOU exists with Central Tri-County and Ciudad regarding forest health. Central Tri-County requesting notice ahead of projects being implemented in the Tri-Central County District. Brenda is also the treasurer for New Mexico Conservation District Employee Association (NMCDEA) and hoped to encourage Ciudad employees to be members of NMCDEA, which would require $50 per employee. NMCDEA is offering more training than they used to, recent training included grant writing and finance (Quickbooks).

5. **Public comment:** No comments made.

6. **Reports of Partners**
   A. NMDA (Katie Mechenbier): A written report was provided. Steve Glass reviewed the report. Ciudad will need to elect board positions. Mid-year budget review is coming up. Healthy Soil program dates for new applications posted.
   B. NRCS (Hector Alvarez): A written report was provided. Hector Alvarez provided a verbal report as well. Socorro SWCD is now a part of the North area (now team 5) local working group. Requesting to fill the guest presentation for Ciudad's December meeting on NRCS programs. Local work group meetings now inform how NRCS drives the priority screening for their projects. NRCS is moving to focus more on conservation plans to ensure services are focused on the conservation needs, not the programs and contracts. Conservation Innovation Grants will be distributed by the RCCP program, RCCP is beneficial for multi-district collaboration for land and conservation planning.
   C. NMACD (Jennifer Hopper): No report or representative from NMACD.
   D. Other partners: Chairman Glass asked for partner suggestions. Ramona Goolsby suggested the Middle Region Council of Governments (MRCOG). Chairman Glass will invite MRCOG to a board meeting.

7. **Consent Agenda**
   A. PSA with Lopez Precision. This contract falls under the WRRI MOA.
   B. MOA with BernCo for ROW projects.

Tom Allen moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Dan Conklin and approved by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
Steve Glass: Yes
Tom Allen: Yes
Ramona Goolsby: Yes
Maria Young: Yes
Daniel Conklin: Yes
Sarah Hurteau: Yes
Charlene Pyskoty: Yes

8. **Action Items**
    A. Adoption of OMA Resolution for 2027. Confirms that the OMA states the board is meeting in person, with a virtual option. Sarah Hurteau moved to approve adoption of the OMA Resolution. Seconded by Dan Conklin and approved by roll call vote.

        Roll Call Vote:

            Steve Glass: Yes
            Tom Allen: Yes
            Ramona Goolsby: Yes
            Maria Young: Yes
            Daniel Conklin: Yes
            Sarah Hurteau: Yes
            Charlene Pyskoty: Yes

9.
    A. WRRI Grants EQ02911 & EQ02933 BAR and Resolution. Tammy Silva confirmed those grants were awarded and these motions allow Ciudad to include these grants (for Rio Grande Community Farm and Corrales) in the budget and LGBMS system. The Corrales grant does include capital equipment which is weather stations that measure evapo-transpiration. The awards were slightly less than was expected. Match is from partners and Ciudad staff time. Sarah Hurteau moved to approve the Bar and Resolution. Seconded by Tom Allen and approved by roll call vote.

        Roll Call Vote:

            Steve Glass: Yes
            Tom Allen: Yes
            Ramona Goolsby: Yes
            Maria Young: Yes
            Daniel Conklin: Yes
            Sarah Hurteau: Yes
            Charlene Pyskoty: Yes

10. **Finance Committee** (**Action Items**):
    A. Finance Committee Financial Documents. The report was verbally reviewed by Tammy Silva. The finance coordinator has created a new element in the dashboard organized by program area and allows program managers or the board to see the status of funds for grants and specific line items. Chairman Glass noted the total funding for the District is probably the largest in the state. Dan Conklin made a recommendation to accept the financial report. Tom Allen made a motion to approve the finance report. Seconded by Ramona Goolsby and approved by roll call vote.

        Roll Call Vote:

            Steve Glass: Yes
            Tom Allen: Yes
            Ramona Goolsby: Yes
            Maria Young: Yes
            Daniel Conklin: Yes
            Sarah Hurteau: Absent
            Charlene Pyskoty: Yes

11. **Reports of committees** and possible **Action Items**
    A. Policy Committee: NMACD position statements. Board members have reviewed and discussed how Ciudad's position statements should be cross-checked against the land use plan.
    B. Personnel Committee: No updates.
    C. Mill Levy Committee: No updates.
    D. Government Affairs Committee:

12. **District Staff Report**
    A. Staff Report. Erin Blaz gave a report about the Education Program.

13. **Other Business**
    A. Ciudad SWCD mailing list: Maintenance and utilization. Ciudad Staff are creating a quarterly newsletter that will go out the the mailing list. This will help engage the public on our website.

Adjourned **6:21 PM**

Submitted by: Erin Blaz

Validated by:

Date approved: