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Bob Nichols, Chairman Eddie Vigil, Member

Rick Baish, Vice Chairman James Evrage, Member

Jeff Rabon, Secretary/Treasurer Colt Howland, Member

Clifton Varbel, Member

**OTERO SWCD MINUTES**

# JULY 29, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT GUESTS**

Bob Nichols Rick Baish Caleb Finch, USFS

Jeff Rabon

Colt Howland

Eddie Vigil **STAFF**

Clifton Varbel Vicky Milne

James Evrage

 **NRCS STAFF**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed. Jeff Rabon motioned to approve the agenda, Colt Howland seconded, motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

NMDA Noxious Weed Management Grant Application for Approval/Submission – The original project with the City of Alamogordo was not going to work so a secondary application to map noxious weeds with a drone was brought before the group. Vicky has requested quotes from several companies, but the one we have received has a cost of $3.50 per acre to map 10,000 acres for a total of $35,000. The noxious weed chosen was African Rue. There was discussion on the seasons to map, restricted airspace and would there be time to map 10,000 within the fall spray timeline. Vicky will follow-up with the company. Jeff Rabon motioned to approve submitting the application to have a drone map 10,000 acres for African Rue beginning this fall, James Evrage seconded, motion passed unanimously. Vicky will finish the application and submission.

With no further business to discuss, Jeff Rabon motioned to adjourn, Clifton Varbel seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

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