

# **Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District**

## **December 6, 2007**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District was held on December 6, 2007 at the district office in Edgewood, located at 2506 Route 66, Moriarty, NM 87035.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

David King, Chairman, Lewis Fisher, Vice-Chair, Mark Anaya; Member, Patricia Ayre; Member, and Jim Rea; Member

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bill King, Secretary / Treasurer and Jo Bassett; Member

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

George Duda, Bob Ayre, Wayne Sleep; District Conservationist, Kelly Archuleta; Technician, and Brenda Smythe; Office Manager

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

David King called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Patty motioned to approve the agenda

#### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes of the November 1, 2007 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Mark, second by Lewis, motion carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Patty presented the October and November reports. As of today, we have 17K in check-book. The SLO rental payment should be received this month for the first quarter.

Santa Fe and Bernalillo mill levy receipts are up from last year, however, Torrance County is down. December mill levy payments should be coming in soon.

Jim Rea brought forward questions from Higher Speed regarding invoices not being paid on time. Patty and Brenda reported that these bills have in fact been paid, and the original past due invoices that Higher Speed questioned, was not received, except for the second "late notice bill". Jim will have Higher Speed call Brenda to get Patty's email address, so that they can bill her directly.

Gas/Electric was discussed. Gas was up to EMW to \$212. CNMEC dropped down to \$300. Additional meters may be an option. David will work on this.

Financial report approved as presented.

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### **GUESTS**

George Duda reported to the board that he has just been hired by Ciudad SWCD as an Assessor for their Forest Health Program.

### **CENTRAL NM COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA**

Mark reported that the CNMCWMA met on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Fall spray has come to an end, and the new Noxious Weed Calendars have been printed. Calendars were distributed to each attendee. Mark also reported that the CNMCWMA will be highlighted in the May edition of the Dow AgroSciences Newsletter. Brenda presented the CNMCWMA Budget to the board.

### **WATER TRUST BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE**

Wayne, Brenda and Kelly spoke to the board regarding the WTB Sub-Committee. Claunch-Pinto SWCD sent the updated Roles & Rules to each board member, as fiscal agent. These were reviewed and agreed to by both Claunch-Pinto and Edgewood SWCDs, however, East Torrance has not agreed to them. Therefore, the last meeting was cancelled until an agreement is reached with East Torrance SWCD.

### **ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Jim Rea reported that not much has changed with the EBWPC. Ryan Schwebach, the EBWPC Chair is working with Jim Corbin to get things moving. There is enough money in the EBWPC right now to continue functioning. The committee now has an at-large vacancy, which was held by Chuck Ring. Interested candidates must submit a resume before the third Thursday of December.

The board asked Bob Ayre if he would be willing to serve. Bob is interested in serving, and will send the resume to Brenda to forward on to Cheri. Jim motioned to suggest Bob as the candidate for the at-large position, second by Mark, motion carried.

### **BUILDING**

The committee needs to meet as soon as possible with Jim Shiver to review the punch-list.

### **OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION**

David reviewed the 2008 Open Meetings Resolution. Motion by Patty, to approve the Resolution, second by Lewis, motion carried

### **SOIL CONSERVATIONIST POSITION**

Wayne spoke to the board regarding the Soil Conservationist position, which has been filled by Kenneth Lujan. With Kenneth accepting the Soil Con position, this has left the Farm Bill Specialist position vacant for the Estancia Field Office.

Wayne is requesting a letter of approval to re-hire a FBS as a technical position. Motion by Jim to fill the position as soon as possible, second by Mark, motion carried.

**ELECTIONS**

A letter to the county clerks is required to be sent by January 1, 2008, notifying them of the Supervisor Elections which will be held on May 6, 2008. This election will be held for Position 3, which is held by Bill King, and Position 4, which is held by Jim Rea.

**QUIVERA COALITION**

Jim reported that the Quavira Coalition will be held on January 17 – 19. Lewis motioned that the board pay for any board member or staff that would like to attend, second by Jim, motion carried.

**NMACD ANNUAL MEETING**

Jim Berlier has moved from Region II Chair to the NMACD Secretary-Treasurer. Jim Rea does not want to be Region II Chair, and asked Debbie Hughes to ask all districts within Region II to see if anyone would like to be Region II Chair and/or Vice-Chair. Edgewood SWCD will wait to see if any other districts are interested in serving, before making any recommendations.

**REPORTS**

NMDA – Russ Bennett

NRCS – Wayne Sleep David asked Wayne if the Girls and Boys Ranch would qualify for EQIP. Wayne will check on this. If nothing else, NRCS can work with them with the plan itself.

ADMINISTRATION – Brenda Smythe

TECHNICAL – Kelly Archuleta

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Think Trees Conference will take place from Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Patty, to pay for staff to attend this training, second by Lewis, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by to enter into Executive Session by Patty, second by Mark, motion carried.

Motion by Patty to exit Executive Session, second by Mark, motion carried.

The board discussed staff Credit Leave, which can be paid at regular rate. The maximum Annual leave amount that may be rolled over is 250 hours. Staff has put in roughly 90 hours of credit leave. Due to financial constraints at the end of December, the board cannot pay this credit leave at this time, but will reimburse staff at the end of the fiscal year. Wayne recommended that a maximum of 80 hours reimbursable be set. Motion by Mark to accept, second by Patty, motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Lewis, second by Mark, motion carried. 7:48 PM.

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Bill King  
ESWCD Secretary/Treasurer