

**Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
PO Box 1050, Moriarty, NM 87035**

**Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2009**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by David King at 6:00 PM.

Board Members in Attendance

David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Jo Bassett; Member and Leo Smith; Member, Patty Ayre; Member, and Mark Anaya; Member

Board Members Absent

None

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Archuleta; Technician; and George Duda

Agenda Approval

Leo motioned to accept the agenda as presented, second by Jo, motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes Approval

Jo motioned for approval of the meeting minutes, second by Leo, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was presented by Patty Ayre. Report approved as presented.

Guest

George reported that this year's Think Trees Conference was a success.

Staff Reports

Kelly reported on the watershed monitoring. There are currently 20 monitoring sites that she and Vern Kohler from Claunch-Pinto SWCD are monitoring. This is a reimbursed project for time and mileage to both districts. With this current monitoring, they are going to add in 2 days of noxious weed spray days that same week, for consistency.

Staff also spoke about being invited to participate in the Upper Rio Grande Phytotrophyte Committee. We are one of 8 districts in this group, and are currently working on securing funding for our continuation of our salt cedar project in Moriarty. Staff will be attending the Rio Grande Day at the Legislature on March 16th.

Brenda reported on the NACD Conference. Brenda and Kelly attended the NACD Conference in New Orleans. They made several contacts that they will follow up with in the next few weeks. Brenda also thanked the board for allowing her to be the NACD SW Regional Representative for the employees.

NRCS Report

Brad was not in attendance; however, he did drop off the 2009 EQIP Calendar. Brenda reminded the board that Brad would be working out of the Edgewood SWCD Office every Thursday afternoon, and would be able to do all sign-ups, etc. from here.

NMDA Report

The NMDA report was reviewed.

CNMCWMA

Brenda spoke to the board regarding the CNMCWMA. She thanked Mark for his service to the group as Chair this past year. Mark is the current Vice-Chair, and Jerry Meladrano from Claunch-Pinto SWCD is the Chair, with Art Swenka from East Torrance SWCD as Secretary. Edgewood SWCD is still serving as Treasurer.

The board discussed the Coordinator position. Following discussion, it was decided that since the State Land Office has agreed to allow Tom Perkins to serve as Coordinator during SLO office hours, that he cannot be paid by the CNMCWMA, since that would be considered “double-dipping”. Staff was to continue scheduling their spray dates and coordinate with Tom for his assistance.

Old Business

The 2005 Audit still has not been received, and therefore the 2006, 2007, and 2008 are on hold.

Staff attended the Tax Credit Training in Santa Fe. It is the landowner’s responsibility to notify the District if they are interested in this credit. Staff is unsure how many landowners will be interested however; they are ready to take the application.

New Business

Landowner, Craig Springer, has requested reimbursement for “conservation practices” he has installed. Mr. Springer had a cost-share program in 2004. His last application is dated 10/8/2004. Three total payments have been made to Mr. Springer for this 2004 application, one on 3/19/06, 5/30/06, and 6/14/06. Brenda told Mr. Springer that the cost-share program is now running the way it was intended, on a fiscal year basis, and that any approved project must be done within that fiscal year (7/1 – 6/30). Following discussion, Jo motioned to deny Mr. Springer’s request because he does not have a current application, second by Leo, motion carried. The board would like Brenda to send Mr. Springer a letter stating this decision, and send him a new cost-share application for next fiscal year. If Mr. Springer has any further questions, he is to call David King.

Ciudad SWCD is hosting an “Aware & Prepare Workshop” and is requesting financial support from Edgewood SWCD. Following discussion, Bill motioned to send Ciudad SWCD \$600, second by Pat, motion carried. Bill would like Ciudad SWCD to send a list of participants to Edgewood SWCD for our records.

Brenda reported that Ag Fest is scheduled for February 19th at La Fonda in Santa Fe. She has ordered 12 tickets, so anyone needing a ticket is to notify her.

Jo Bassett spoke to the group regarding the possibility of the City of Edgewood being annexed into the Edgewood District. Following discussion, the board would like staff to contact NMDA to verify the laws etc.

Motion for adjournment at 7:45 PM by Jo Bassett.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer

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