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Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2006

The Edgewood SWCD regular board meeting was held on February 3, 2006 at the District Office, which is located at 1943 Route 66, Suite E, Edgewood, NM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David King, Chairman, Lewis Fisher, Vice-Chair Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer, Pat Ayre, Member, Jo Bassett, Member, and Jim Rea, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Anaya, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

George Duda; NMSF, Todd Haines; NMSF, Chet Wiess; Sandia National Labs, John Hawley; Sandia National Labs, Heiny Boyd; Grandpa's Tree Service, Roland Wright; Landowner, and Wayne Sleep; NRCS Estancia FO

AGENDA APPROVAL

Jim motioned for approval of the agenda, second by Pat, motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the January board meeting were reviewed. Following review, Bill motioned to accept the minutes, second by Jo, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report presented by Pat Ayre.

STAFF REPORTS

See attached staff reports.

GUESTS

Chet Weiss from Sandia National Labs spoke to the board regarding the Recharge & Salinity in the Estancia Basin.

Todd Haines from NM State Forestry reviewed NMSF's current programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim discussed the Water Trust Board. Chilili Land Grant has applied for cost-share assistance through the WTB and our District Cost-Share Program. Although original contact was made through Dee Tarr, Kelly and Brenda have direct contact with the Chilili Land Grant President, Sanchez, and things are running smoothly.

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OLD BUSINESS

Progress on the building was discussed. Jim motioned that the board appoint Brenda as primary contact for the building, and Kelly as secondary contact, second by Lewis, motion carried. This will allow the building committee to move forward without waiting for a full board meeting. The building committee has met with Tim Oden to complete the site plan and with Ira White from 4-Hills Design to complete the building design. Both contracts were reviewed. Lewis motioned to finalize the site plan not to exceed \$8500 and the architectural design not to exceed \$24,000, second by Pat, motion carried.

Staff has contacted Central NM Electric. Discussion was held regarding power over-head versus underground. Jo motioned to contract with Central NM Electric for underground power, second by Bill, motion carried.

The NM Finance Authority Resolution and loan application was reviewed. Motion by Bill to sign both, second by Jim, motion carried. Staff will get both to the NMFA before the application deadline.

The Capital Outlay proposals were discussed. Staff has requested \$200,000 for building construction and \$55,000 for seeding equipment. They will be introduced by Representatives King, McCoy, Hobbs and Senator Beffort. Jo, Kelly and Brenda have been able to meet with Representatives King and McCoy. Kelly and Brenda have met with Senator Beffort and spoken to Representative Hobbs' Chief of Staff. Mark testified before Representative Hobbs due to staff training conflicts. Staff will testify for King and McCoy when scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

The upcoming election was discussed. The positions held by David, Jo and Lewis are up for election. Times and locations of the election were discussed. One polling location will be held, preferably in Edgewood, which Brenda will secure. Brenda will submit the election notices and prepare the declaration of candidacy and ballots. Jo motioned to appoint Pat Ayre as Election Superintendent and Roland Wright, a new landowner in the District, to serve polling officer. One more polling officer will be found. Polling Officials will be paid \$100 each.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on March 2nd at 6:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jo motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues, second by Jim, motion carried.

Roll Call:

David King - Yes	Pat Ayre - Yes	Mark Anaya – Absent
Bill King – Yes	Jo Bassett - Yes	
Lewis Fisher – Yes	Jim Rea - Yes	

Pat motioned to exit Executive Session, second by Jo, motion carried.

Roll Call:

David King - Yes	Pat Ayre - Yes	Mark Anaya – Absent
Bill King – Yes	Jo Bassett - Yes	
Lewis Fisher – Yes	Jim Rea - Yes	

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Additional Staff was discussed. With current staff and our summer student employee the office work should be completely covered. They will also be able to assist Kelly with some planning areas. With this, Gene will not have to work everyday last summer. Gene will be back in his original capacity of "Consultant" with an average of 2 days a week. With these changes of time etc., the truck is to remain at the office and will be scheduled for use through Brenda. David will call Gene prior to his return to discuss these issues.

Where the District is lacking however is in school-aged conservation education. An Educational Coordinator was discussed. The Bill motioned that Edgewood SWCD hire a contractual Educational Coordinator for the months of April – August, second by Jim, motion carried.

Applications will be accepted until February 24th, and the board will review the applications during the March meeting.

Lewis motioned for adjournment, second by Jo, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Bill King, Secretary / Treasurer