

# **EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 6, 2007**

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) regular board meeting was held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the El Comedor Restaurant in Moriarty, New Mexico.

### **REPORTS**

Administrative, Technical and Supporting Staff Reports given in hard copy. (See attached reports)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

David King; Chairman, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Rea; Member, Mark Anaya; Member and Jo Bassett, Member

### **MEMBERS ABSENT & EXCUSED**

Lewis Fisher, Vice-Chair and Patricia Ayre; Member

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

George Duda; NM State Forestry, Wayne Sleep; NRCS District Conservationist, Jim Berlier; East Torrance SWCD Chair, Cheri Lujan; East Torrance Manager, Russ Bennett; NMDA S&W Specialist, Jim Shiver; Shiver Construction, Jim Brooks; Soilutions, Bard Borimoron; Soilutions, Kelly Archuleta; Technician, and Brenda Smythe; Manager

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Jim motioned for approval of the agenda with the addition of discussion of the Seeding Equipment purchase through Capital Outlay Funding, second by Jo, motion carried.

### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes of the February 1st committee meeting, the February 5th regular board meeting, and the February 9th Special Meeting were reviewed. Following review, Jim noted that the date of the February 9th meeting was listed wrong. Bill motioned for approval of all three sets of minutes, with the date change to February 9th, second by Jim, motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report presented by Brenda Smythe for Patricia Ayre.

### **BUILDING UPDATE**

Marty reviewed the outstanding needs for the building, which are the kitchen equipment and fire alarm. Following discussion, Bill motioned to accept the kitchen equipment as presented, which will be a 3-part sink, work table, ice machine, 2 microwaves, commercial refrigerator and the pass through counter. There is an \$8000 allowance in the bid therefore the difference of \$3500 will be paid directly by Edgewood SWCD. A fire alarm was also discussed. One quote has been received for \$8700.

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This will include the control panel, 2 smoke detectors, 1 heat sensor, 4 pull stations, 7 horn strobes, bathroom strobes and HVAC monitor in the ducts. This system will be tied to Torrance County Dispatch. Following discussion, Bill motioned to install the fire alarm. Brenda will get more quotes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Rea spoke to the board regarding the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee. Dee Tarr submitted a letter from Claunch-Pinto SWCD regarding the pro-bono work provided to the EBWPC, along with Dee's resignation. The Committee however, tabled that discussion until further review of their financials could be done.

As of today, Cheri Lujan will be performing the administrative duties that were performed by Dee.

The Water Trust Board Committee is still not performing as it should. They have sought to call two meetings of the Committee without checking the availability of either ETSWCD or ESWCD member or staff, have consistently refused suggestions for agenda, including discussion of the long overdue action regarding Open Meeting Act, and have generally done everything they could be act as obstructionists in moving forward. ESWCD submitted, weeks ago, recommendations for the contract for coordinator services, and has suggested that we work these drafts via email, but nothing has come back from CPSWCD. There is some debate regarding the May 1, 2007 deadline proposed by Claunch-Pinto SWCD for the 2004 monies, and ESWCD has developed recommendations for spending ESWCD's share, or all, of these remaining monies.

Comments have come back that OSE was unaware of this 10% loan given to the soil & water districts, and has encouraged us to attend the WTB meeting to request the loan be deleted.

Jim, Jo Basset and staff has met regarding these issues, and agree that it would be in the best interest of Edgewood SWCD that we dissolve all ties with Claunch-Pinto SWCD. Doing this may affect monies unallocated, but the risk of continued operation with CPSWCD are deemed excessive.

Jim Berlier told the Edgewood SWCD board that East Torrance SWCD did discuss this possibility, however, were concerned about the effects to the Central NM Cooperative Weed Management Area, which all three districts are partners in, so the discussion was tabled.

Following presentation of a written resolution by Jim Rea that detailed a series of provisions in how to sever relationships with CPSWCD, Bill motioned to approve severing ties per this resolution, it was seconded by Mark, and carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

Jim Brooks and Bard Borimoron from Soilutions spoke to the board regarding their ideas for the building's water harvesting system. Due to limited funds right now, Jim motioned to install Phase I of the system for \$8500, second by Bill, motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Jim spoke about purchasing the seeding equipment immediately so that it can be used this planting season. Staff is not ready with the full Seeding Plan. Following discussion, Bill would like to refer this discussion to the Cost-Share Committee for review. Brenda will set a meeting with the Committee towards the end of March.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was brought forward.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 6:00 PM. Reports will be given prior to the meeting beginning at 5:30 PM for time saving.

Jo motioned for adjournment, second by Bill, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Bill King, Secretary / Treasurer