

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

Meeting Minutes
March 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, Jo Bassett; Member and Leo Smith; Member, Patty Ayre; Member, and Mark Anaya; Member

Board Members Absent

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Archuleta; Technician; Dee Tarr; Claunch-Pinto SWCD, Bob Ayre and Herb Cadberry

Agenda Approval

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

Board Meeting Minutes Approval

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Staff Reports

An Administrative/Technical written report was presented. Brenda and Kelly applied to attend water harvesting certification training in Texas, and have been approved for attendance. Leo motioned that both be allowed to attend the training, second by Patty, motion carried.

A request from Perpetual Tears has been made for flower seeds. Leo motioned that the district provide the seeds needed for this planting, second by Jo, motion carried.

NRCS Report

Brad was unable to attend today. However, Brenda reported that there are some problems currently being worked on between the NRCS and the East Torrance SWCD staff. They are currently going through mediation. Brenda and Kelly reassured the board that there is a great working relationship between NRCS and the Edgewood staff, and that Edgewood SWCD is currently getting technical assistance when needed.

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NMDA Report

The NMDA report was reviewed.

Old Business

The 2005 Audit still has not been received, and therefore the 2006, 2007, and 2008 audits are on hold. However, the John Earnshaw from the NM State Auditor's Office called and submitted "draft" findings and should call for an exit conference in the next few weeks. An Audit Committee was formed, which consists of David King, Leo Smith and Jo Bassett.

The Town of Edgewood is considering annexing into the Edgewood SWCD. Following discussion, the Town of Edgewood will be invited to the next board meeting for further discussion. Brenda will ensure that Roy Todd; NMDA is present to answer any questions regarding the annexation rules.

New Business

The district's Long Range Plan needs updating. District Conservationist; Brad Podoll will assist. Since Brad was not in attendance, this discussion was tabled until next month.

Lewis spoke to the board about sponsoring Kids, Kows and More. Following discussion Leo motioned to sponsor \$1500 for Kids, Kows and More, second by Jo, motion carried.

The South Mountain Thinning project was discussed. Leo motioned to move forward with the project, second by Pat, motion carried. There are two contracts to be signed today. The first is 30 acres in the amount of \$63,084.00 with technical fees paid by ESWCD in the amount of \$12,616.80. The second is 34 acres in the amount of \$69,802. with technical fees paid by ESWCD in the amount of \$13,960.20. Dee Tarr was present and explained the reimbursement process. David told Dee that the board appreciated her work on this program, and that Edgewood SWCD appreciates the working relationship between ESWCD and Claunch-Pinto SWCD.

Brenda spoke to the board regarding the need for additional contractors if the funding comes through for thinning and salt cedar control. There are some funds available through the WTB grant, and may be available through the salt cedar project if received. These contractors would be for Edgewood SWCD and Claunch-Pinto SWCD. Two contractors Glen Sveum and David Smythe, who are trained in our specifications, are ready to proceed if the district agrees. This contract work would be for roughly 4-5 months. Leo motioned to approve these contractors as needed, second by Mark, motion carried.

Leo spoke to the board about hiring a cleaning crew. Following discussion, Patty motioned that staff begin to work on a RFP, second by Leo, motion carried. Staff will discuss this with the budget committee, which will meet prior to the next meeting.

Motion for adjournment at 7:21 PM by Leo Smith.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer