

# **EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 2006**

The Edgewood SWCD regular board meeting was held on March 2, 2006 at the District Office, which is located at 1943 Route 66, Suite E, Edgewood, NM.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

David King; Chairman, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Pat Ayre; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, and Jim Rea; Member

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lewis Fisher, Vice-Chair and Jo Bassett, Member

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

David Swahlan; Landowner, George Duda; NMSF, Russ Bennett; NMDA, Rubina Vigil; NMSF, Cheryl La Rue; SF FSA, Wayne Sleep; NRCS Estancia FO, and Cheri Lujan; East Torrance SWCD

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report presented by Pat Ayre.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

See attached staff reports.

### **GUESTS**

David Swahlan, a landowner within the Edgewood SWCD, was in attendance. David participated in the Water Trust Board grant last year. He voiced his concerns regarding the reimbursement process, and the misuse of 1099. Following discussion, Jim motioned that the board write a letter to Claunch-Pinto SWCD (Dee Tarr) that the 1099s that have been issued were issued wrong, and must be corrected, second by Mark, motion carried. Patty will get this letter out. A copy will also be sent to East Torrance SWCD, Jim Corbin and David Swahlan.

Cheryl LaRue, Santa Fe County FSA spoke to the board regarding the possible closure of the Santa Fe County FSA Office. Following discussion, Bill motioned that the board write a letter in support of keeping the Santa Fe Office open, second by Jim, motion carried.

Cheryl asked if staff could assist with CRP extensions. Wayne and Kelly will coordinate with Cheryl for their assistance.

Rubina Vigil; NMSF reported on the NM Releaf Program. Information packets were given to board members and staff.

George Duda, NMSF reported on upcoming events. Arbor Day is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jim discussed the Water Trust Board. An extension for Envirologic (Paul Davis) was presented to the board. Jim Corbin has the extension for April 1<sup>st</sup>, following discussion, Pat motioned that the extension be until June 1, 2006, second by Mark, motion carried. David made the needed date change, and signed the agreement. This will be mailed to Jim Corbin.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Progress on the building was discussed. Estimates have been received regarding the cost of installing the sewer system to our building site. The cost will be roughly \$48,000. David Tixier has agreed to go 50/50 with the District. After discussion, it was decided that a septic tank will be placed instead.

Bill spoke to the board about the size and layout of the building, and asked that the board come to a consensus of size, etc. The following was decided:

- It will have one conference room, large enough to host our Annual Meeting.
- The garage space will be large enough to hold 2-3 vehicles with covered area surrounding it for tree program, etc.
- Offices, reception area, and garage will be able to be secured in order for other agencies to use conference room etc.
- The building will have a kitchen.
- If other agencies will be housed together with the District, separate bathrooms and conference room will be added.
- Now, a site plan must be done. Bill motioned that the board hire Tim Oden to conduct a site plan, second by Mark, motion carried.

David, Kelly and Brenda will meet with General Services Division next week to acquire their assistance in procuring a building.

The loan application to NM Finance Authority has been submitted. If the audits are received on time, staff will attend the NMFA board meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for review of our application.

Staff requested \$200,000 for building construction and \$55,000 for seeding equipment. They received \$100,000 for the building and \$100,000 for equipment.

The Educational Coordinator position will not be filled due to budget constraints.

The first Election notice has been posted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Brenda discussed Kids, Kows & More. Bill motioned that the District provide financial and staff support in the same amount as last year, second by Pat, motion carried.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Mark motioned for adjournment, second by Jo, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.