

EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2006

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

David King; Chairman and Mark Anaya; Member

OTHERS PRESENT

George Duda; NMSF, Martin Hibbs; Building Project Manager, Kelly Archuleta; Technician, Brenda Smythe; Manager, Heiny Boyd, Jonathan Foster, Ronnie Herral; East Torrance SWCD Chair, Gene Kamerzell; Consultant, Mona Kamerzell, Rick Stoudt; Landowner, Diane Stoudt, Landowner, Cheryl La Rue; SF FSA, Wayne Sleep; NRCS Estancia FO, Phillip Herrera; NRCS Estancia FO, and Cheri Lujan; East Torrance SWCD

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the April board meeting were reviewed. Following review, Jo motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, second by Jim, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report presented by Pat Ayre.

REPORTS

See attached staff reports.

Kelly spoke to the board regarding landowner requests for continue their thinning projects on the District's Cost-share program through the summer months. Kelly and Brenda have both told these landowners no, however, the landowners wanted special consideration. Following discussion, the board agreed with staff that the risk is too high not only for their land, but neighboring land, and will not allow cost-share reimbursement on these projects until next fall, after the first frost.

Wayne Sleep, District Conservationist introduced the new Soil Conservationist for the Estancia Field Office, Phillip Herrera. Wayne will have the new Conservation Plans at the June Meeting for the District's signature. Wayne also reviewed the Cooperative Working Agreement between NRCS and Edgewood District.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Rea spoke to the board regarding the Edgewood SWCD endorse Chuck Ring as the At-Large position on the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee. Following discussion, Jim motioned for Edgewood's support of Chuck, second by Pat, motion carried.

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GUESTS

George Duda, NMSF reported on upcoming events.

Heiney Boyd reported that he has had a lot of calls for chipping “old” slash and wondered if the board would pay for this. Chipping old slash is very expensive, and is rough on the chippers. Following discussion, the board decided that they would not pay for “old” slash chipping, only newly cut slash.

Cheryl LaRue spoke to the board regarding the impending closure of the Santa Fe County FSA Office. There will be Public Meetings held regarding this.

OLD BUSINESS

Progress on the building was discussed. Marty, Kelly and Brenda attended the NM Finance Authority’s board meeting on April 27th. The NMFA board is extremely happy with the Edgewood SWCD and is pleased that the District applied for their funding.

Marty presented the drawings and the RFP to the board. The RFP is for an approximately 8000 sq. ft. building and garage. Marty will meet with the procurement office to make sure that the bid meets GSD standards. Once GSD has given him the ok, the RFP will be ready for submission to the newspapers. Following discussion, Bill motioned to proceed with the RPF, second by Jim, motion carried. Brenda will submit this ad to the Mountain View Telegraph and the Albuquerque Journal once ready.

Marty asked that each board member take a copy of the drawing and look it over at their leisure. The Building Committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 9th to discuss any further changes to the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty presented the board with the letter from the NM State Auditor’s Office for signature. The audit is currently being done this week.

Patty also spoke to the board regarding the 2006 – 2007 Budget. A preliminary budget will be sent to DFA and NMDA prior to June 1st. The board will review the final budget during the June meeting.

The NACD meeting in Boise, ID June 10 – 14 was discussed. Jo motioned that the district pay for any board member or employee who would like to attend this conference, second by Jim, motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 1st at 6:00 PM

Mark motioned for adjournment, second by Lewis, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Bill King, Secretary / Treasurer