

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

**Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2008**

**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

**Board Members Absent**

Patty Ayre; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, and Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer,

**Others Present**

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Archuleta; Technician

**Agenda Approval**

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

**Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Brenda Smythe. Report approved as presented.

**Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee**

Leo gave a verbal report on the EBWPC. The EBWPC will hold three public meetings to review the updated plan. The Edgewood SWCD will host one of the public meetings on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30PM.

**Administration/Technical Report**

The administration and technical report was presented by Brenda and Kelly. (see report)

**NMDA Report**

Brenda presented a written NMDA Report.

**NRCS Report**

No report available.

**Guests**

No guests in attendance.

## **Old Business**

### **Annual Meeting**

The Edgewood SWCD Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. An Open House featuring district programs along with partnering agency displays will be available for our landowners. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. Senator Sue Wilson-Beffort and NRCS Area Conservationist, Mary Podoll are the featured Guest Speakers.

### **Radio Station Support**

The Torrance County Project Office requested funding support last month for a new AM Radio Station in Torrance County. Following discussion, Jo motioned that Edgewood SWCD offer \$500 in support of this station, second by Lewis, motion carried.

### **Audit**

The board discussed the status of the audits. The NM State Auditor's Office, along with the current auditor, Roger Nagel, has called David to discuss the need for the Edgewood SWCD to hire a CPA. Due to preliminary findings, Roger Nagel has also suggested that the board hire a contract CPA, to collect all current records and get it "audit ready". Once the audit is complete, it was recommended that the board retain a CPA to conduct all district accounting activities. The board would like Brenda to get estimates from at least 3 CPAs to discuss at the next board meeting.

## **New Business**

### **East Mountain Community Workshop Support**

Brenda spoke to the board regarding the upcoming East Mountain Community Workshop that is going to be held by Ciudad SWCD. This workshop is to prepare east mountain communities to be prepared in case of a wildfire. Ciudad has asked Edgewood SWCD to be a co-sponsor of the project. This support would be by attendance at the meeting and sponsorship of the lunch. Following discussion, Jo motioned that the board support the workshop providing the meal, up to \$250. Motion second by Lewis, motion carried.

### **State Noxious Weed List Update**

Staff spoke to the board regarding the request from Jim Wanstall for their assistance on updating the State Noxious Weed List. All districts have been asked to add any weeds they would like to be included on this update. The board asked staff to make any additions they felt are necessary and provide them to the board at the December meeting.

### **South Mountain Project**

Staff spoke to the board regarding South Mountain. With the WTB funding, and or NMSF funding, staff would like to do some thinning on South Mountain. However, the office does not have any keys for access, since Gene Kamerzell took the keys with him. Following discussion, Leo motioned to begin planning the thinning project on South Mountain, second by Jo, motion carried. David stated that he should have an extra set of keys. If not, staff was given authorization to cut the lock and replace it with a new one.

**NMACD Annual Conference**

Staff reported on the NMACD Conference. Leo and Mark attended the Business Meeting therefore, Edgewood SWCD will get their full points for the 2009 Point System.

During the Employees Annual Meeting, Kelly was re-elected as the NMCDE Treasurer, and Brenda was elected as the NACD Southwest Region Representative. Peter Vigil, from Taos SWCD is the new NMCDE President.

**New Business (cont.)**

**Discussion of District Relations**

The board discussed the relationship between them and East Torrance SWCD. The board would like to keep a relationship with the East Torrance SWCD Board, however, in light of last meeting's outburst by Jim Berlier, a letter needs to be written to him and the board. David will work with staff to write this letter. In the future, if Jim Berlier must ask to be placed on the agenda, and his reasons must be known to the board prior to the meeting, in order to eliminate any future disruption.

Motion for adjournment at 8:00 PM by Jo Bassett.

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer