

**Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
PO Box 1050
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**Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2008**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jo Bassett at 6:00 PM.

Board Members in Attendance

Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Patty Ayre; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, Jo Bassett; Member and Leo Smith; Member

Board Members Absent

David King; Chair, and Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer,

Others Present

George Duda, Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Gene Kamerzell, Consultant, Brad Podoll, District Conservationist – Estancia FO

Agenda Approval

Leo added the purchase of a gas grill, and Mark added the purchase of an Edgewood SWCD boundary sign for 344/N14. Leo motioned to approve the agenda with additions, second by Pat, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

Leo gave a verbal report on the EBWPC. Comments regarding the updated plan need to be sent to the Committee ASAP.

Administration/Technical Report

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

NMDA Report

Brenda presented written a report from NMDA.

NRCS Report

The new District Conservationist; Brad Podoll was introduced. Brad has spent a few days in the Edgewood SWCD office and spent one day with staff looking at some project areas and meeting most of the board members. The Estancia FO has a Farm Bill Specialist position open at the moment, which should be filled soon. Brad also ensured the board that a stronger presence from NRCS will be held in the Edgewood District.

Brad spoke to the board regarding the Edgewood District's grass drill. He asked if they would consider using it outside the Edgewood boundaries to assist landowners in neighboring districts. The board agreed that they would in-fact assist landowners outside the district boundaries; however, Kelly will be operating the drill.

Windbreak Report

Gene Kamerzell reported on the windbreak plantings. He stated that this was an easy summer since it was wetter than normal. Since it has been wet, Gene will be leaving at the end of September instead of October like usual. All systems will be shut down before he leaves. He also reported that the District sign is down at the Animal Shelter. Staff will make sure the sign fixed. Gene also disagreed with George Duda's statement that the dying trees at the Stanley Fire Station had to do with the watering schedule. Gene stated that each tree was getting about 50 gallons of water per day. All technical staff in attendance stated that 50/gallons per day was too much water, and that could be killing them as well.

Trigo Fire Support

Brenda reported on the Trigo Fire Support to date. The Edgewood SWCD is a sponsor of the Trigo Fire EWP, and staff has attended all of the meetings. During the last meeting in Torreon, landowners were asking if there was anyone that could get them free trees. Brenda spoke to the landowners at the meeting and told them that she would look into it, and get back with them. Brenda asked the board if they would sponsor a "free seedling" giveaway to the Trigo Fire victims. Pat motioned to purchase \$500 worth of stock for the free seedlings, second by Pat, motion carried. Claunch-Pinto SWCD has agreed to match.

Region II Meeting

Brenda reported that there will be another Region II meeting in Taos on September 26th. Staff will be in attendance. Anyone wishing to go will call Brenda or Kelly to travel with them.

Board Meeting Date Change Request

Our new NMDA Representative, Roy Todd has requested a board meeting date change to the first Wednesday of each month since there are two other districts in his area that meet on the same day as the Edgewood District. The board does not want to change the date as this time.

Gas Grill Purchase

Leo motioned that the board purchase a gas grill for staff to use for board meetings and trainings. Following discussion, motion was seconded by Mark, motion carried. A limit of \$400 was set for this grill.

Boundary Sign

Mark spoke to the board regarding the boundary sign on NM 344 / N14. The sign is very old and needs to be replaced. Pat motioned to purchase a new 3 X 4 sign in green with white letters, second by Mark, motion carried.

Motion for meeting adjournment at 9:00 PM by Jo Bassett.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer