

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

**August 6, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Lewis Fisher 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 in Absent & Excused

David King; Chair and Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present

George Duda, Roy Todd; NMDA, Gene Kamerzell, Lisa Dennisson; Farm Bill Specialist, Tom Perkins; NM SLO, Carol Ann Bowman; Landowner and Brenda Smythe; District Manager

Agenda Approval

Patty motioned to approve the agenda, second by Mark, motion carried.

Guests

Carol Ann Bowman thanked Brenda for adding her to the District's email list. She also thanked the board and staff for supplying the Edgewood Library with coloring books, pencils, pens, etc. She is just in attendance to put faces to names.

George Duda spoke to the board about the upcoming Back Yard Tree Farm event.

Administration/Technical Report

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

NMDA Report

Roy presented the written a report from NMDA.

NRCS Report

Brad is sick, and was unable to attend tonight. However, David and Brenda constructed a letter to State Conservationist; Dennis Alexander requesting that the NRCS Estancia Field Office staff maintain office hours more frequently in the Edgewood SWCD office. We are awaiting response from Dennis.

NM State Land Office

Tom Perkins reported that the free fuel wood permits will be available beginning September 1st.

Gene Kamerzell Report

Gene gave a verbal report. The sign at the living snow fence needs to be put back up. However it is too heavy for Gene to do. Replacement of Edgewood SWCD sponsored windbreak trees was discussed along with how long the District would continue to do so, considering that most of these plantings were beyond the 5-year regular maintenance

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period for a windbreak with a drip irrigation system. Brenda stated that this was addressed last year, and that letters were supposed to be sent last summer with our deadline for maintenance. Following discussion, the board would like Gene to construct a list of all windbreak plantings and bring to the next meeting. Action tabled until September.

OLD BUSINESS

South Mountain Project

Phase II of the South Mountain Thinning Project is complete.

Audit Update

Brenda has not heard anything about the audit. Lewis Fisher stated that he had spoken to John Earnshaw and that John was still waiting on something from the Edgewood SWCD. Brenda will call John.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Noxious Weed Calendars

Brenda spoke to the board regarding purchasing the new calendars. Motion by Mark to purchase 100 calendars, motion second by Pat, motion carried.

Reorganization of the Board

Pat motioned to keep the board structure as is (David King-Chair, Lewis Fisher-Vice-Chair and Bill King-Sec/Treasurer), motion second by Mark, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Debbie Hughes

The board discussed an email from Debbie Hughes questioning why Edgewood SWCD had only paid \$350 for this year's dues and if there were issues that the District had with NMACD and/or Debbie. Brenda responded to the email stating that she would discuss these issues with Debbie, along with a NMACD Board Member and an Edgewood SWCD Board Member.

Following discussion, the board would like Brenda to invite Debbie to the next board meeting, along with a NMACD Board Member to discuss these issues. The board agreed however, that it could not be Jim Berlier. The NM Soil & Water Conservation Commission will also be notified.

The dues payment was also discussed. Debbie is stating that a minimum of \$500 needs to be paid in order for any District to have a vote at the NMACD Conference. The board's decision not to pay any more than \$350 stands.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for meeting adjournment at 7:20 PM by Jo Bassett.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer