

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2010

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman; David King at 6:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance

David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Mark Anaya; Member, Leo Smith; Member and Patricia Ayre; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer and Juan Sanchez; Member,

Others Present

Floyd Castle; US Military Veteran / Landowner, Nick Shilla; US Military / Veteran Landowner; Richard Shovelin; Region II Chair, George Duda, Kelly Smith; District Technician and Brenda Smythe; District Manager

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Following review, Leo motioned for approval, second by Mark, motion carried.

Guests

Veteran Landowners Nick Shilla and Floyd Castle spoke to the board regarding their recent Torrance County tax bill regarding the District mill levy tax. Following discussion, Leo motioned that a letter be sent to the NM State Legislature to the Veteran Mill Levy taxing with our recommendation that they be exempt. David thanked them for attending their meeting, and assured them they would help get this cleared up.

Reports

Administrative / Technical Staff

See Report

NRCS ~ P. Montoya; District Conservationist - Acting

No NRCS staff present.

STATE LAND OFFICE

Not in attendance.

NMDA

Report reviewed by Roy Todd.

FSA

Not in attendance

Old Business

Building Roof Repair

Leo motioned to hire Magnum Steel to perform the roof repair, second by Pat, motion carried.

Audit Status

The mistake found in the 2007 Audit has been corrected. Leo motioned to retain CPA Farley Vener, through 2010, second by Lewis, motion carried. Brenda will contact Farley Vener to arrange future audits.

Letter to EBWPC

Letter to EBWPC has not been responded to as of today.

Edgewood SWCD status regarding NMACD

Following a lengthy discussion regarding Edgewood's status with NMACD, Leo motioned to officially withdraw from NMACD, motion second by Mark, motion carried. The board requested a formal letter will be sent to NMACD, NMACD Executive Director, and the other 46 Districts. NMDA and NRCS will be copied.

Correspondence

Letters from NM State Forestry

Letters from NM State Forestry were reviewed regarding the East Torrance SWCD's incentive payment. (See attached letters) Following discussion, the Edgewood District completely supports NM State Forestry.

New Business

Open Meetings Resolution

The 2011 Open Meetings Resolution was reviewed. Pat motioned for approval, second by Leo, motion carried. A roll call vote was held.

Building Security

Staff spoke to the board regarding the building security. It appears that intrusive attempts were made to get into the garage. Due to sensitive materials and equipment in the building more security is needed. Following discussion, Leo motioned to install additional lights on the east side of the building, second by Mark, motion carried.

Public Comment

George Duda reported that the Think Trees Conference will be held early February in Albuquerque.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2011.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 7:20 PM by Leo.