

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

July 9, 2009 - Meeting Minutes

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, Patty Ayre; Member, Jo Bassett; Member and Leo Smith; Member

Board Members in Absent & Excused

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer and Mark Anaya; Member

Others Present

Christian Meuli; Edgewood, Kristi Meunier; Landowner, Jose Varela-Lopez; NM SWCC Region II Commissioner, Belinda Garland, George Duda, Kenneth Lujan; Soil Conservationist, Lisa Dennisson; Farm Bill Specialist, Tom Perkins; Kelly Smith; District Technician, Brenda Smythe; District Manager, and Gene Kamerzell

Agenda Approval

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

Guests

Christian Meuli spoke to the board about their assistance with windbreak and drip irrigation system on the Santa Fe County Open Space in Edgewood. Following discussion, the Edgewood SWCD staff will work with Christian for this site. As far as funding is concerned, the Budget Committee will meet and determine if there is adequate funding for this project this year.

Landowner Kristi Meunier spoke to the board regarding the Edgewood SWCD holding Community Chipping Days like the Ciudad SWCD does. Following discussion, the Budget Committee will meet and determine if there is adequate funding for this project this year. In the mean-time, Brenda will contact Sue Hansen from Ciudad SWCD to discuss their program.

Administration/Technical Report

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

Gene Kamerzell Report

Gene gave a verbal report. Gene reported that the snow fence well was down again. Following discussion, the board would like Gene to get 3 bids and take them to the Budget Committee meeting. The Committee will decide if there is adequate funding for this well replacement.

NMDA Report

Brenda presented the written a report from NMDA.

OLD BUSINESS

South Mountain Project

The South Mountain Project is proceeding well.

SWCC Meeting Update

Jose Varela-Lopez was asked to report on the Soil & Water Conservation Commission meeting on July 1, 2009. He reported that the Commission decided to drop the issue with the East Torrance SWCD without obtaining an Attorney General's opinion and without any discussion with the NRCS Estancia FO Staff.

NMACD Dues

The NMACD and NACD dues were discussed again. Although Debbie does tell District staff that a minimum of \$500 needs to be paid to NMACD in order for the boards to have a vote at the NMACD Annual Meeting, the by-laws themselves do not state that. Following discussion a motion by Jo to pay \$350 to NMACD and \$1750 to NACD was made, motion second by Pat, motion carried. Instead of paying NMACD the full amount, NACD will be paid directly.

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office for the appointed positions filled by David King and Pat Ayre were taken.

Contracts

The Contract staff was discussed. New contracts need to be signed.

Building Cooling System

The cooling system in the Edgewood building was vandalized. The insurance company has been notified, and quotes have been received. The insurance will reimburse the district for the cost of repair, minus the \$500 deductible.

NCDEA Meeting

Brenda reported on her first National Employees meeting in Columbus, OH. She also thanked the board for allowing her the opportunity to serve as SW Regional Rep.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer