

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

**October 8, 2009 - Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

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

**Board Members in Attendance**

David King; Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Patty Ayre; Member, Jo Bassett; Member and Leo Smith; Member

**Board Members Absent & Excused**

Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair Mark Anaya; Member,

**Others Present**

George Duda, Brad Podoll; District Conservationist, Lisa Dennisson; Farm Bill Specialist, Tom Perkins; NM State Land Office, Herb Gadbry, Kelly Smith; Technician, and Brenda Smythe; District Manager

**Agenda Approval**

Leo motioned to approve the agenda, second by Jo, motion carried.

**Minutes Approval**

The minutes were reviewed. The following statement was added to the minutes. "Tony stated that the Taos SWCD had the same concerns." Leo motioned to approve the minutes as amended, second by Jo, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pat reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Torrance County mill levy collections are down. The board would like Pat to send a letter to Dorothy Sandoval asking whether TC is caught up with the ESWCD mill levy payments.

**Guest**

George Duda reported that he has completed 15 assessments this month for Ciudad SWCD through their Forest Health Program.

**Administration/Technical Report**

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

**NMDA Report**

Brenda presented the written a report from NMDA.

**NRCS Report**

Brad reviewed the Soil Quality Kit with the board and staff. Staff is interested in being trained to use this kit. He reviewed the FY09 EQIP & WHIP Program Contracts.

- 4 Irrigated Crop - 221k
- 5 Grazing Land - 166k
- 1 Organic Farm - \$9100
- 2 Watershed Initiative - \$18,700
- 4 WHIP Apps - \$61,615

**Totaling: 477k in federal assistance.**

### NRCS Report Continued

FY10 Timelines are tentative. End of the Batching Period has been set for November 30<sup>th</sup>, with ranking & planning due by mid January, and contracts funded by April.

The Local Work Group will need to be held early November.

CSP was discussed.

- 8 Applications for 43,000 acres were received
- Ranking to be completed by October 30th
- Tentative funding by mid November
- Approval / Final contracts in December
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Batching Period for FY10 has not been announced

### NM State Land Office

Tom Perkins reported that the free fuel wood permits became available September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Windbreak Report

Gene has left for the winter. He left a brief list with Pat of the current windbreaks. However, the board still needs a full audit of each windbreak. Kelly, Brenda, Brad Podoll and George Duda will conduct a full audit for the board.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Long Range Plan

Leo motioned to approve The Long Range Plan, second by Pat, motion carried. However, a 10-year Plan is still needed.

#### Audit Update

Brenda has spoken to John Earnshaw regarding our audit. This audit has been completed and John Earnshaw's report has been given to his superior. We are awaiting the report. Leo motioned that Brenda, Kelly, Jo and Leo go speak to the NM State Auditor, second by Jo, motion carried.

#### South Mountain Project

Phase III will begin once the ESWCD has received mill levy funding.

#### Direct Deposit

Although the board had approved direct deposit for salaried staff, Pat did not complete because of the fees from Wells Fargo. Following discussion, the board would like Brenda and Pat to continue to work on this. There should not be fees for a governmental agency.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Budget Approval

Pat reviewed the 2009-2010 Budget. Motion for approval by second by, motion carried.

#### Annual Meeting

The Edgewood SWCD Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009. Brenda will begin working on securing Guest Speakers, etc.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brenda stated that Aaron Smythe was just hired by Tierra Y Montes SWCD through a CFRP Grant for monitoring at the Refuge in Las Vegas. He has also been hired by NRCS as a Student Employee for next summer.

**MEETING DATE CHANGE**

David King will be unavailable the first week in November, therefore the board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion for meeting adjournment at 8:15 PM by Jo Bassett.

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer