

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2013

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman; David King at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Leo Smith; Member, and Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Mark Anaya; Member and Juan Sanchez; Member

Others Present

Josh Archuleta; USDA-NRCS District Conservationist, Tom Perkins; NM State Land Office, Kelly Smith; District Technician and Brenda Smythe; District Manager

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Leo motioned for approval of the July meeting minutes, second by Bill, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Reorganization of the Board

Bill motioned to keep the current slate of officers, motion seconded by Leo, motion carried.

REPORTS

NMCCD

David King reported that NMCCD just received approval from the Healy Foundation for an additional \$75,000. NMCCD contractor Marsha Wright is continuing to assist the SWCC Chair, since NMDA does not have funding this year to assist.

NRCS Report

Josh reviewed the NRCS Report. NM NRCS is still waiting on National approval for the implementation of NM of the Future. Josh stated that he will be attending a Grazing Management Course August 28th and 29th.

Administrative / Technical Report

No written report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 – 2013 & 2013-2014 Cost Share

Staff reviewed the 2013 – 2014 Cost Share applications with the board. Five additional applications were received in the second round application cycle. Staff did discuss one project that does not meet specifications this year, so it has been deleted from the previous list given to the board. Art motioned to approve the applicants, motion seconded by Leo, motion carried.

Grant Writers

Brenda received 2 applications, but neither of the applicants are interested in part-time work. Staff will keep looking.

Annual Meeting

The ESWCD Annual Meeting was discussed. Guest Speakers Bill Humphries and Bakster Black cannot make our meeting. The board discussed additional speakers. Following discussion, the board decided this year's program will focus more on District Activities, along with the KXNM Radio Station. Bill motioned to have a \$1500 limit on door prizes, motion seconded by Art, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Code of Ethics Policy

The board reviewed a draft Code of Ethics Policy. After discussion, the board would like to take the draft policy home and review it further. Further discussion tabled until next month.

Executive Session

Lewis motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss tentative audit findings. Motion second by Art, motion carried. Roll call vote to enter into Executive Session as follows:

David King – Yes
Lewis Fisher – Yes
Mark Anaya – Absent
Leo Smith – Yes
Bill King - Absent
Art Swenka – Yes
Juan Sanchez - Absent

Art motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss tentative audit findings. Motion second by Leo, motion carried. Roll call vote to exit out of Executive Session as follows:

David King – Yes
Lewis Fisher – Yes
Mark Anaya – Absent
Leo Smith – Yes
Bill King - Absent
Art Swenka – Yes
Juan Sanchez - Absent

No action was taken during Executive Session. The auditor has assured the board that the 2009 and 2010 audits will be completed and submitted to OSA by the end of the week, and that the 2011 audit will be complete within the month. Once those audits are submitted, ESWCD will contract for the 2012 and 2013 audit to get current.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 10:00 AM

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 12:14 PM by Leo.