

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2012

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, Leo Smith; Member and Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

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

Others Present

Tom Perkins, NM State Land Office, Lisa Dennisson; NRCS Soil Technician, Brenda Smythe; District Manager and Kelly Smith; District Technician

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Art motioned for approval of the December meeting minutes, second by Leo, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Reports

Administrative / Technical Staff - See Report

Staff spoke to the board regarding the upcoming Soil & Water Day at the Legislature. Leo motioned that staff attend and set up a booth, seconded by Art, motion carried.

The District's seeding program was discussed. With seeding recommended in July, staff is unable to accommodate landowners with the current schedule, therefore, staff recommends hiring a contractor. Staff will contact Jim Frost.

NRCS ~ Lisa Dennisson; Soil Technician

Lisa reported that NRCS has 28 eligible CSP projects with half being cropland. There was one application for the Local Food Initiative, which is in the Edgewood District, and twelve CRP applications were received.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

The EBWH&R Project was discussed. Deadlines have been met. Planning for next funding cycles projects has begun.

State Land Office

NM SLO supervisors are scheduled to be doing field visits in Moriarty the week of March 19th. SLO supervisors have asked if the District would put signage on the street listing SLO. Motion made by Leo that the District purchase a sign, second by Art, motion carried.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

Art reported on the EBWPC and the well monitoring. It shows that water level in the Estancia Basin is dropping about 1' per year.

NMCCD

David reported that the NMCCD Board will hold their Spring Meeting on May 10th. The NMCCD Board requested that Edgewood SWCD host this meeting. Following discussion, Art motioned the District host the event, seconded by Leo, motion carried.

NMDA

Report reviewed by Brenda.

Old Business

Children's Outdoor Adventure

Kelly has met with the organization. They are in preliminary planning stages.

New Business

NACD Conference

David spoke to the board regarding the NACD Conference. He was approached by several Board Supervisors that were interested in how NM formed another Soil & Water group. David was voted in to the President's Executive Committee as the SW Representative.

David asked the board for their support to the Executive Committee's Foundation. Leo motioned that Edgewood SWCD make a one-time contribution of \$1000 to support the Foundation. Motion seconded by Art, motion carried.

KXNM Radio

Art spoke to the board regarding KXNM Radio Station. The Radio Station has requested Capital Outlay, and if funded, would like the District to act as fiscal agent. Following discussion, Lewis motioned to have the District act as fiscal agent, seconded by Leo, motion carried.

Scholarship Application

One application for the District's Scholarship was received. After review of the application, Leo motioned to award Julie Wilbanks a Moriarty HS Senior, the \$500 Scholarship, seconded by Art, motion carried. The board will discuss making their scholarship reoccurring at a future date.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

Adjournment

Motion made by Leo for meeting adjournment at 11:32 AM.