

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014

Call to Order

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

Board Members in Attendance

David King; Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Juan Sanchez; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, and Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District Technician, Josh Archuleta; USDA NRCS District Conservationist, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Representative and Bill Williams; Landowner.

Approval of Agenda

Mark requested that the addition of NRCS Relationship be added to the agenda. Art motioned for approval of the Agenda as amended, motion second by Bill, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 14, 2013 and November 15, 2013 minutes by Bill, motion seconded by Art, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The board would like a copy of all checks written attached to the financial report.

REPORTS

NMCCD

David King reported that he was elected as NMCCD President for one more year, and Mark Anaya was appointed as Central District Representative. Currently NMCCD has about 17 Districts in their membership.

EBWPC

Art reported that the meetings are now being held at 9:30 AM, and John Jones is the current Chair. He also reported that the EBWPC Water Plan should be accepted. He also stated that Bud Hagerman passed away.

NMDA REPORT

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. Districts are to register a Chief Procurement Officer with the NM State Procurement Office. Following discussion, Bill motioned that Art Swenka be listed as Edgewood SWCDs Chief Procurement Officer, motion second by Mark, motion carried. Brenda will register Art with the State Procurement Office. **(See Full Report)**

NRCS Report

Josh reviewed the NRCS Report. The Estancia FO has ten active EQIP contracts and 18 active CSP contracts. He also reported that the implementation of the NM of the Future as been approved by the National Office. D'Llyann Bruce has been named our "Super DC". **(See Full Report)**

Administrative / Technical Report

Brenda reviewed the Administrative/Technical Report with the board. Brenda is working with Valeriane; Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, is currently working on January 2013 reconciliations, and by next week she should be completely caught up.

Arid Land Innovation, LLC in partnership with Forest Fitness, LLC was awarded \$360,000 to restore 625 acres of the Cibola National Forest wildland-urban interface (WUI) located in Bernalillo County, NM. Arid Land Innovation, Edgewood SWCD, Claunch-Pinto SWCD, USFS, SWCA, Chilili Land Grant, Isleta Pueblo and Forest Fitness are the key partners. Edgewood SWCD and Ciudad SWCD key role is education.

Brenda reported that USFS Cibola National Forest project "**Isleta Project on the Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts**" was selected for funding. This project is for treatment on 10,420 acres. The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands will receive up to \$1 million for treatments on 2,500 acres on the Cibola and NRCS will receive up to \$1 million to be used jointly on 2,600 acres on Tribal and Land Grant Ownerships for a total of 5,100 NEPA approved acres. Staff will be working closely with USFS and NRCS State Office on this project. **(See Full Report)**

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Update

Discussion was held on the audit. The board would like to meet with Farley Vener; Hinkle and Landers, PC, to finalize these audits. David King and Brenda will call Hinkle and Landers' office following this meeting to schedule for Wednesday, January 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Audit Committee Members, David King, Bill King and Mark Anaya along with District Manager Brenda Smythe, will be present.

Audit Contract Amendment

Since the audit is overdue, the board must sign an audit amendment. The amendment is for an additional \$3745 to complete. Motion by Art to approve the amendment, motion second by Bill, motion carried.

Replacement of Position 4

Bill King motioned to appoint Bill Williams to the vacant Position #4 on the Edgewood SWCD Board, motion second by Art, motion carried. Brenda will provide Supervisor Handbook, past minutes, financials and past annual reports for Bill to review. Brenda will also send pertinent information on this replacement to NMDA.

NEW BUSINESS

NRCS Relationship

Mark stated that there was some confusion from the last discussion held regarding Lisa' Office. The board decided in November that the Lisa's office was to remain the same, which meant that only Lisa is to have access or use of that office. Motion made by Mark for all District information and staff removed from Lisa's office, and provide Lisa with a key, motion second by Bill, motion carried. Brenda will have this done by COB today.

NACD Conference

The 2014 NACD Conference will be held in Anaheim, California, February 2nd – 5th. Bill motioned that the District pay for any board member and one staff member to attend, motion second by Art, motion carried. Anyone planning on attending the NACD Conference is to let Brenda know by next week.

Land Use Planning Meeting

Brenda discussed holding a Land Use Planning Meeting with Kim Kostelnik as Facilitator. The Planning meeting will be held immediately following the March meeting beginning at 11:00 AM.

Next Board Meeting

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

Doghead CFRP

Brenda reported that Edgewood SWCD is applying for a CFRP Grant on the Doghead area. Partnerships include USFS, Chilili Land Grant, Isleta Pueblo, SWCA and Claunch-Pinto SWCD. An Administration Fee is attached to the Grant.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 8:30 PM by Art.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer