

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015

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, Juan Sanchez; Member, Bill Williams; Member Mark Anaya; Member, and Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Kenneth Lujan; USDA Acting DC, Josh Archuleta; USDA NRCS District Conservationist, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Representative, Tom Perkins; NM State Land Office, and George Duda.

Approval of Agenda

Art motioned for approval of the Agenda, motion second by Juan, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January meeting tabled.

Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Art motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion second by Mark, motion carried.

REPORTS

NMCCD

David King reported on the NACD Conference. David, Brenda, Kelly and NMCCD Interim Executive Director; Carole Glade attended. New Mexico had 67 attendees. Peter Vigil; Taos SWCD was awarded Employee of the Year.

NMSLO

Tom reported on the Sun Zia Transmission and El Cabo Wind Farm. He also stated that the public wood fuel areas should be opened up again soon.

EBWPC

No meeting has been held since last report.

EBWH&R

No meeting since last report.

EMWTWA

No new information to report.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Art requested that any news be sent to 88.7 for reporting. Brenda stated that all news that has been sent has always been reported!

NMDA REPORT

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. **(See Full Report)**

NRCS Report

Josh reviewed the NRCS Report. Josh stated that Brandon Bishop will be our new District Conservationist beginning March 8, 2015. **(See Full Report)**

Administrative / Technical Report

No written report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Land Use Plan

Kim reviewed the final Land Use Plan with the board and staff. Following discussion, Art motioned for approval of the ESWCD Land Use Plan, motion seconded by Juan, motion carried.

A Roll Call vote was held to accept the ESWCD Land Use Plan:

- David King – yea
- Lewis Fisher – yea
- Bill King – absent
- Mark Anaya – yea
- Art Swenka – yea
- Bill Williams – yea
- Juan Sanchez – yea

Kim stated that The Land Use Plan must be notarized for county submission. Therefore, a Notary Public will be in attendance at the next board meeting for final signature.

2015 Election

The 2015 Election will be held on May 5, 2015. Position #1, currently held by Lewis Fisher, Position #2, currently held by Mark Anaya, and Position #5 currently held by David King will be on the ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

2013-2014 Audit

David reviewed the final 2013-2014 Audit. There were three findings on this audit:

1. Employment of Contractors
2. Lack of Controls Over Financial Reporting
3. Internal Control – Reconciling/Monitoring PERA

Finding #1 has been corrected as of December 2014.

Finding #2 has been corrected with the oversight auditing firm Zlotnick & Sandoval.

Finding #3 has been corrected as of January 2015.

A Roll Call vote was held to accept the 2013-2014 Audit:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Bill King – absent

Mark Anaya – yea

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – yea

Juan Sanchez – yea

Internal Auditor; Ben Montoya stated that although there are 3 small findings, this Audit is a Clean Opinion, and a tremendous improvement from the past. Ben also stated that Brenda has done a great job getting everything cleaned up.

Public Comment

George Duda reported that there were 360 attendees at this year's Think Trees Conference.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on March 5, 2015 at 10:00AM. Brenda will not be at the March board meeting since her son is getting married.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 12:01 PM by Art, motion seconded by Mark, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer