

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 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, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Juan Sanchez; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, and Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill Williams; Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District Technician, Carol Glade; NMCCD Interim - Executive Director, Karlyn Bates; Administrative Assistant, Jerika Lujan; College Intern, Josh Archuleta; USDA NRCS District Conservationist, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Representative and George Duda.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 2014 meeting minutes made by Bill King, motion second by Lewis, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

REPORTS

NMCCD

David King spoke to the board regarding the NMCCD Land Use Planning assistance provided by Kim Kostelnik and the Coalition's goal to help Districts build capacity. He introduced Carol Glade; Interim-Executive Director.

Carole introduced herself and spoke to the board about key bills during this year's session that are key to NM Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

NMSLO

Tom reported that the first State-Wide meeting with the new administration will be held tomorrow, January 9th. He is continuing to assist the SE Office.

EBWPC

Art reported that the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee is currently seeking monitoring funds.

EBWH&R

Districts are currently working with 2014 funding, and 2015 Funding should be released soon.

Art spoke to the board about the US Forest Service trying to enlarge the Wilderness Area in the Manzano Mountains. If this is achieved, the Wilderness Area would double in size.

There is a misconception that Wilderness Areas are better managed. Following discussion, Art motioned to write a letter to the Cibola National Forest requesting that Edgewood SWCD be a cooperating agency. Motion second by Juan, motion carried.

EMWTWA

The Estancia-Moriarty-Willard Torrance County Water Authority has been approved the State of New Mexico. The ultimate goal is to provide a “back-up” water throughout Torrance County. Estimated cost of Phase I is 60 million dollars.

NMDA REPORT

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

NRCS Report

Josh reviewed the NRCS Report. **(See Full Report)**

Administrative / Technical Report

Brenda reviewed the Administrative/Technical Report with the board. **(See Full Report)**

OLD BUSINESS

Land Use Plan

Kim reviewed the draft Land Use Plan with the board and staff. Any changes or additions will be sent to Brenda by January 23rd.

Audit Update

The District is waiting on the final Audit Report from the NM State Auditor’s Office.

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.

Declarations of candidacy are to be delivered to the District Office by the Candidate on March 17th.

Declarations of candidacy for write-in candidates are to be delivered by Candidate on March 24th.

Election Training will be held by NMDA at the Edgewood SWCD Office on Wednesday, February 25th beginning at 9:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Certification Training

The Edgewood SWCD board agreed to take time during this board meeting for Supervisor Certification Training. However, with time constraint, the following Modules were copied and given to every board member. Board Members will take home and review. Once reviewed, Board Members will sign verifying that they have reviewed and understand their duties as Supervisors.

- NM District Act
- Duties of SWCD Supervisors
- SWCD Financial Management
- Personnel Management
- Conducting Meetings

Public Comment

George Duda reported the Think Trees Conference will be held on February 6th & 7th.

Next Board Meeting

Staff will be attending the Think Trees Conference on February 6, 2015, so the next board meeting will be moved to Monday, February 9, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer