

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
2506 Route 66, Moriarty, New Mexico
Board Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2015

I. Call to order

Chairman David King called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District at 10:03 A.M. on Thursday, March 05, 2015 in Moriarty, New Mexico.

II. List of Attendees

Board members present: David King, Chair; Lewis Fisher, Vice-Chair; Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer; Art Swenka, Member; and Bill Williams, Member.

The following persons were present: Kelly Smith, District Technician; Joshua Archuleta, USDA NRCS Estancia FO; Katie Mechenbier, NMDA Representative; Dierdre Tarr, Claunch-Pinto SWCD; Kim Kostelnik, NMCCD; and George Duda.

Board Members Absent and Excused

Mark Anaya and Juan Sanchez.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Art, motion seconded by Bill K. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2015 not available, tabled until next month.

V. Treasurer Report

Motion by Bill K. to receive written report of financials as presented, Lewis seconded motion. Motion passed.

VI. Reports

District Report - No report provided.

NMCCD – Chairman David King reported the Coalition has been present during the legislature. He also provided information regarding a recent Santa Fe County meeting and discussion with the County Assessor regarding agriculture land use. Dee Tarr stated the Coalition has two new members, De Baca SWCD and Valencia SWCD. Kim Kostelnik reported she has completed five district Land Use Plans

EBWPC – Art stated the committee held a public meeting last month to update the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan.

NMDA – Katie reviewed the monthly NMDA report and answered questions regarding supervisor elections. She thanked ESWCD for hosting the recent NMDA sponsored Supervisor Election Training. Katie also advised the SWCC sponsored WQ&C Grant Program applications are due April 23rd and noxious weed treatment submissions are encouraged. The board discussed Item #14 listed on the report and the importance of participating in the Forest Plan Revision. Art moved to submit a letter to the Cibola National Forest requesting cooperating agency status, Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Deadline for receipt of letter is March 13th. Kim recommended the board submit their land use plan to the Cibola National Forest.

EBWH&R – Art reported no meeting was held in February.

EMWTWA – Art reported a WTB grant proposal was filed.

KXNM Radio – Art stated a recent winter ice storm affected the power supply to the station causing several hours of radio off-air.

VII. Old Business

Land Use Plan Signatures – The board approved the final Land Use Plan. Three copies were signed and notarized. Kim advised the district’s county clerks should each receive a copy of the Land Use Plan.

Election – Election timelines and process was reviewed.

Candidate declaration is March 17, 2015

Candidate Write-In is March 24, 2015.

Canvassing Board Needed – Bill K. moved to accept the following recommendations, pending acceptance by the individuals to serve as the canvassing board if a supervisor election is to be held. Bill W. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Land Owner (not on board) - Judy Boutte or Sheryl Boeger

Supervisor (not in election) - Art Swenka, Bill King, Bill William, or Juan Sanchez

Elected Official- Jim Frost or Betty Cabber

VIII. New Business

Water Fund Charter – Kim Kostelnik reviewed the Rio Grande Wildfire and Water Source Protection Collaborative Charter and asked for Edgewood SWCD to be signatories for this charter and become members of the executive committee. Motion was made by Art for ESWCD to be signatories and members of the Charter. Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Building Insurance Quotes – The board reviewed the written quotes as provided. Lewis motioned to accept the insurance bid provided by HUB International. Art seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. Next Board Meeting – Thursday, April 2, 2015

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Smith

Minutes approved by: Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer