

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

May 7, 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, Brandon Bishop; USDA NRCS District Conservationist, Tom Perkins; NM State Land Office, Dee Tarr; Claunch-Pinto SWCD, 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 April board meeting were reviewed. Lewis motioned for approval of the April Minutes, motion second by Juan, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

REPORTS

NMCCD

The NMCCD Annual Meeting will be held on July 30th at the Edgewood SWCD Office.

EBWPC

Art reported on EBWPC activities. They have turned in the Plan to ISS, however it has not been approved or disapproved. EBWPC must gather additional input to include in the Plan.

EBWH&R

The 2013 Funds have all been spent, except for one contract within the East Torrance SWCD.

The 2014 Funds have been awarded. Edgewood SWCD, Claunch-Pinto SWCD and East Torrance SWCD will each be awarded \$110,000. Ciudad SWCD has not attended any meetings this year, and therefore were not awarded any of the grant funds.

The 2015 Proposal was submitted on April 28, 2015.

EMWTWA

EMWTWA was awarded a matching grant in the amount of \$25,000 for planning.

Art met with Commissioner Anaya regarding SF County working to acquire water rights from within the Estancia Basin. The meeting went well.

Discussion regarding joining MRCOG was held. Motion by Bill King to apply for membership to MRCOG, motion second by Art, motion carried

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Art reported that some work will be done to the tower in the next week which will allow

NMDA REPORT

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

NRCS Report

Brandon Bishop; NRCS DC attended the board meeting. He attended the NRCS Leadership meeting on April 22, 2015. The Chief is in New Mexico announcing the RCCP projects in New Mexico. **(See Full Report)**

Administrative / Technical Report

Brenda reviewed Administrative Report. **(See Full Report)**

OLD BUSINESS

USFS Cooperating Agency MOU

The MOU has been signed by David King, and is awaiting signatures from USFS.

Building Maintenance

Discussion was tabled.

SWCC Grant Feedback

Region II Commissioner; Jose Varela-Lopez requested each District review and respond to the SWCC Grant Feedback Sheet. Sheet was reviewed. Staff will respond to Commissioner Varela-Lopez.

NEW BUSINESS

Mill Levy Resolution

The Mill Levy Resolution for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 was reviewed. A motion to pass the Mill Levy Resolution was made Lewis Fisher, motion second by Art Swenka.

A Roll Call vote was held to accept the 2015-2016 Mill Levy Resolution:

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

2014-2015 Audit IPA Submission

The 2014-2015 Audit IPA has been submitted to the Office of the State Auditor for Hinkle and Landers to complete the 2014-2015 Audit. We have not received approval as of today.

2015-2016 Budget & Resolution

The Budget Committee consisting of Bill King, David King, Lewis Fisher, Brenda Smythe, and Kelly Smith met this morning to review the 2015-2016 Budget. The Committee is recommending the adoption of the attached Proposed Budget.

Changes to the budget are as follows:

Income

Increase Appropriations from \$13,000 to \$15,000

Expenditures

Increase Conservation from \$220,000 to \$250,000

Decrease Contract Service from \$17,200 to \$12,500

Decrease Professional Fees from \$33,000 to \$15,000

A motion to accept the Budget and Resolution was made by Art Swenka, motion second by Juan Sanchez.

A Roll Call vote was held to accept the 2015-2016 Mill Levy Resolution:

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

Appointed Supervisors

The Appointed Supervisor positions were discussed. Bill King motioned to re-appoint Juan Sanchez and Art Swenka to the Edgewood SWCD Board. The required paperwork will be submitted to NMDA and the NM Soil & Water Commission.

Public Comment

George Duda spoke about an article in the Albuquerque Journal which upset the Think Trees Board. They are questioning why NMSU is being excluded in the Journal's articles, and are instead using information from the Washington Post.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on June 4 2015 at 10:00AM.

Adjournment

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer