

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 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, and Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill Williams; Member and Mark Anaya; Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, and Katie Mechenbier; NMDA

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July board meeting were reviewed. Lewis motioned for approval of the July Minutes, motion second by Juan, 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

Staff Report

Brenda reviewed the Staff Report. (See Full Report)

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

The NMCCD Annual Meeting was held on July 30th at the Edgewood SWCD Office. There are currently 17 districts as dues paying members of NMCCD. Jose Varela-Lopez is the newly elected President and David is in the At-Large Position.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

A meeting was held the end of August. Rick Thompson has been re-instated.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

2013 Funding cycle is complete. 2014 Funding is in contracting stages, and we were not funded by WTB for 2015, even though the application was in the top 5.

EMWTA

The EMWTA received \$25,000 from WTB, which is a 50/50 match grant. EMWTA has a request to Torrance County for \$35,000, and EMW is supporting the EMWTA with \$50,000.

Santa Fe County has requested to join the EMWTA.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

KXNM needs to re-write the organizational papers.

MRCOG-Water Resources Board

No Report. Bill King asked Brenda to email MRCOG to have him placed on the Transportation Board.

NMDA REPORT

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. (See Full Report)

SLO REPORT

No Report.

NRCS Report

Brenda reviewed the NRCS Report. (See Full Report)

OLD BUSINESS

Sandia Landscape Team & Mountainair Landscape Team Meetings

Sandia Landscape Team & Mountainair Landscape Team Meetings were discussed. See Staff Report for full list of meetings.

2015-2016 Cost-Share Program

The 7 unfunded applications from the first round of application process for the 2015-2016 Cost-Share Program were discussed. Following discussion, Art motioned to fund the remaining 7 applications, motion second by Juan, motion carried. Staff will send letters to the landowners.

NEW BUSINESS

South Mountain

Illegal drug activity on South Mountain near the Conservation Area was discussed. Staff has been in contact with the NM State Police and a report has been filed. Better signage showing NM State Property was discussed. Staff will work on signage.

Letter from NM State Auditor

A letter from the NM State Auditor was received stating that the board could not serve lunch during regular board meetings. An email was sent to the State Auditor's staff explaining that this practice began back in the 1980s through a recommendation from then current State Auditor.

In leau of meals, the board can receive \$95.00 per board meeting in per diem. Following discussion, Juan motioned that the board no longer serve lunch during the board meetings, motion second by Bill King, motion carried.

Discussion on per diem was tabled.

2015 Annual Meeting

The 2015 Annual Meeting was discussed. The date was set for Friday, October 2, 2015 beginning at 5:00 PM for a Meet & Greet with Board Members and Staff. Staff will work on the Agenda.

Board Re-Organization

Juan motioned that the board structure remain the same, second by Art, motion carried.

Executive Session

Lewis motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss tentative audit findings. Motion second by Art, motion carried. Roll call vote to enter into Executive Session as follows:

- David King – Yes
- Lewis Fisher – Yes
- Mark Anaya – Yes
- Bill Williams – Absent
- Bill King - Yes
- Art Swenka – Yes
- Juan Sanchez - Yes

Art motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss tentative audit findings. Motion second by Juan, motion carried. Roll call vote to exit out of Executive Session as follows:

- David King – Yes
- Lewis Fisher – Yes
- Mark Anaya – Yes
- Bill Williams – Absent
- Bill King - Yes
- Art Swenka – Yes
- Juan Sanchez - Yes


No action was taken during Executive Session. The 2014 audit was discussed.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on September 3, 2015 beginning at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

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



 Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer