

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2015

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman; David King at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

David King; Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer Juan Sanchez; Member, Mark Anaya; Member and Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, and Bill Williams; Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District Technician, Karlyn Bates; Administrative Assistant, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Dee Tarr; Claunch-Pinto SWCD, Brandon Bishop; NRCS District Conservationist, and Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Specialist

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September board meeting were reviewed. Art motioned for approval of the September Minutes, motion second by Bill King, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Bill King motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion second by Juan, motion carried. A Budget Committee Meeting will need to be held after the first of the year.

REPORTS

Staff Report

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

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

Jose Varela-Lopez is the newly elected NMCCD President and David the At-Large Position. Kim Kostelnik has completed twelve District Land Use Plans. NMCCD attended the NMSU Ag Day in Las Cruces.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

No Report

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

No Report

KXNM 88.7 Radio

No Report

Estancia/Mountainair/Willard Water Association (EMWWA)

The EMWWA is concerned about the Cibola Forest Plan Revision. Board discussion regarding the Revision, and Bill King motioned to send letters to Congress stating our objection to Areas Designated for Wilderness and the effects on Watershed Health. Motion second by Mark, motion carried. Brenda will send letters today and copies will be sent to Elaine Kohrman, USFS - Cibola Supervisor.

MRCOG-Water Resources Board

Brenda attended the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRCOG) Water Resources Board Meeting on October 7th.

- The 2015 Legislative Policies and Priorities were discussed.
- The Water, Law & Policy Impacts on Rural Economic Development were also discussed. A survey is being constructed to develop priorities.
- An email was received regarding the Waters of the US. A federal court ruled that President Obama's regulation to protect small waterways from pollution cannot be enforced nationwide. The stay is not final since the court will go through the process of a full ruling, and it can be appealed to the Supreme Court. (See attached email)

NMDA REPORT

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. **(See Full Report)** She stated that the Point System will be updated this year to exclude the mandated items.

SLO REPORT

No Report.

NRCS Report

Brandon reviewed the NRCS Report. (See Full Report) The Mutual Agreement and the Civil Rights Policy were reviewed. Art motioned for approval, motion second by Bill King, motion carried. Chairman King will sign once the new agreement is received.

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.

Annual Meeting

All feed-back from Annual Meeting attendees was positive.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Usage Request

Silver Sneakerz has requested usage of our facility for work-out sessions 2-3 times a week. Following discussion the board agreed that although this is a great organization, usage of our facility is to remain for conservation partners.

NACD Annual Meeting

The board discussed attendance at the 2016 NACD Annual Conference. Art motioned to pay all expenses for any board member or staff member that is interested in attending. Motion second by Juan, motion carried.

Next Board Meeting

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

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:08 PM by Juan, motion seconded by Mark, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer