

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 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, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, 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, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Dee Tarr; Claunch-Pinto SWCD, Representative McQueen, Josh Archuleta; NRCS-Estancia FO, and Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Specialist

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September board meeting were reviewed. Bill King motioned for approval of the November Minutes, motion second by Juan, 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 Art, motion carried. A Budget Committee Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on January 7, 2015.

GUESTS

Representative McQueen spoke to the board regarding his proposed Tax Credit for Land Restoration Work in the upcoming 2016 Legislative Session. Following discussion, staff will submit information on the District's current Cost-Share Program to Representative McQueen for his use.

Dee Tarr; Claunch-Pinto SWCD reported that the RCPP has been funded and 95% of those funds have been contracted. She thanked Kelly for her technical assistance!

REPORTS

Staff Report

Brenda reviewed the Staff Report. (See Full Report)

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

The EBWPC is continuing to work on their Plan and Brian Green has resigned from the board.

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 will host a booth at AgFest and during the Soil & Water Day in Santa Fe. The NMCCD Board will meet with Trudy Healy in Taos on December 17th.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

No Report

KXNM 88.7 Radio

The Radio Station is continuing to move forward. They received Capital Outlay funding two years ago, that is still pending disbursement. Art thanked Bill King for his help with Central NM Electric Cooperative and their electrical service.

NMDA REPORT

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. (See Full Report)

SLO REPORT

No Report.

NRCS Report

Josh 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.

NACD Annual Meeting

Approval for board and staff attendance to the NACD Conference was approved last month. As of today, staff members, David King and Juan Sanchez will be attending the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Meetings Resolution

The board reviewed the 2016 Open Meetings Act. Juan motioned to pass the Open Meetings Act, second by Art, motion carried. Roll call vote for passage of Open Meetings Resolution as follows:

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

WTB Resolution

We have been notified by WTB that our application has been denied; however the board will pass the WTB Resolution in the event that the application status changes.

Mark motioned to pass the WTB Resolution, second by Lewis, motion carried. Roll call vote for passage of WTB Resolution as follows:

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

Board Member Attendance

Discussion tabled until the January meeting.

Executive Session

Juan motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss tentative audit findings. Motion second by Mark, 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

Lewis motioned to exit out of 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 audit has been completed, and the Exit Conference was held with Farley Vener; Hinkle & Landers, Brenda Smythe, David King, Bill King, Lewis Fisher, and Ben Montoya. The report is excellent, and has been submitted to the State Auditor's Office.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 7, 2016 beginning at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:35 PM by Juan, motion seconded by Mark, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer