Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes March 3, 2016

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 Williams; Member and Art Swenka; Member, Juan Sanchez; Member, and Mark Anaya; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Mike Anaya; Senate Candidate, Dee Tarr; Claunch-Pinto SWCD, Tom Perkins; NM SLO, Josh Archuleta; NRCS-Estancia FO, and Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Rep.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January board meeting were reviewed. Juan motioned for approval of the January Minutes, motion second by Art, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

REPORTS

Staff Report

Staff Report Reviewed. (See Full Report)

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

EBWPC submitted updates to their Water Plan to Interstate Streams Commission (ISS) over 2 years ago, however they must be re-done to match the State Plan.

There is concern that the State Plan may make it easier to move water out of the Basin, which goes against local priorities.

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

David reported on the NACD Conference held in Reno, Nevada.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

Dee Tarr reported that all projects were submitted for reimbursement. The EBWHR proposal to Water Trust Board is ranked #1, and the Greater Rio Grande Proposal is ranked #2. We should hear about funding late April.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Capital Outlay was received to increase transmission.

EBRA

There is another group discussing de-salinization of the salt lakes.

NMDA REPORT

Katie discussed a Boundary Resolution for the District to be reviewed and signed next month. (See Full Report)

SLO REPORT

Tom reported that the thinning projects "Six Shooter" and "Deer Canyon" should be starting soon. Public Camping areas will be identified in SLO areas, and several positions are available in Santa Fe.

NRCS Report

Josh reviewed the NRCS Report. (See Full Report)

OLD BUSINESS

Sandia Landscape Team & Mountainair Landscape Team Meetings

No current meetings.

NACD Annual Meeting

Staff members, David King and Juan Sanchez attended the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Attendance

Chairman King spoke to Bill Williams about attendance. Bill Williams has arranged his schedule to be able to attend the meetings.

Executive Session

Lewis motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss 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 - Yes

Bill King - Absent

Art Swenka – Yes

Juan Sanchez – Yes

A Roll Call vote to exit Executive Session:

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

No action was taken during Executive Session.

2015 Audit

The 2015 Audit is complete and is a clean audit. Recommendations for next fiscal year are:

- o Formal review and acceptance by internal auditor of the monthly reconciliation reports.
- o Signature required by internal auditor on reconciliation reports.
- o Formal review, acceptance and signature by Treasurer or Chair/or Vice Chair if Treasurer is unavailable on reconciliation reports.

Motion by Art to approve the reconciliation procedure, motion second by Mark, motion carried.

This will be an action item listed on the Agendas.

Insurance Renewal

Hub International Insurance renewal was reviewed. Following review, Mark motioned to approve payment, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

Next Board Meeting

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

Adjournment

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer