

**Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 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, Art Swenka; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, Bill Williams; Member and Juan Sanchez; Member

**Board Members Absent & Excused**

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer

**Others Present**

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Katie Mechenbier, Tom Perkins; NM State Land Office, and Josh Archuleta; NRCS-Estancia FO

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Treasurer Report**

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The reconciliation for June was reviewed by Internal Auditor Ben Montoya, and recommended approval. Mark motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Staff Report**

Staff Report Reviewed. **(See Full Report)**

**NRCS Report**

Josh reviewed the NRCS Report. The Joint Chiefs funding received 10 applications. One of which 2/3 burned in the Dog Head Fire. Also burned was 1 RCCP application area. NRCS is working on the EWP assessments. Three DSRS are being completed for La Para, Canon De Chilili and Aceves Road. If funded, the ESWCD will be responsible for 25% match.

David King discussed applying to the NM State Board of Finance for match funding. Following discussion, Art motioned to apply for this funding, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

Josh stated that Cibola USFS is looking to breach the dams at the top of the burn area. Following discussion, Art motioned to write a letter to USFS, and copy our Congressional Staff and the Dam Owner Association regarding the negative impact this action would cause. Motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

### **SLO REPORT**

Tom Perkins reported that State Land Office has assigned access points for hunting. Also, the Cabo Wind Farm will be constructed with the large turbines. State Land Office has 30 positions open at this time.

### **Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee**

Art stated that the EBWPC Plan is complete and has been submitted to ISSC for approval.

### **NM Coalition of Conservation Districts**

David reported that the Coalition is hosting a Grant Training Workshop mid-July at the Edgewood SWCD Office. Reduced pricing will be available for current NMCCD members. The NMCCD Annual Meeting will be held at the ESWCD Office on July 28, 2016.

### **Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration**

No meeting has been held as of today, however, we are aware that we have been funded, via Claunch-Pinto SWCD.

### **KXNM 88.7 Radio**

Art reported that KXNM will install their new transmitter tomorrow, which will provide a stronger signal. The Radio Station played an important role during the Dog Head Fire.

### **EMWTW**

The EMWT ICIP has been submitted. Phase I will include a water filling station in McIntosh.

### **NMDA REPORT**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2016-2017 Cost-Share Program**

The 2016-2017 Cost-Share Program has begun. 48 applications were received and 28 were approved for \$126,000 in cost-share assistance. Two applications were out-of-district and 4 applications were transferred to the Water Trust Board Grant. Kelly will begin site visit work in the next few weeks

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Reorganization of Board**

Art motioned to keep the current slate of officers the same, motion second by Juan, motion carried. Officers will remain as: David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, and Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer.

### **NMCCD Pledge**

The NMCCD Pledge was reviewed. Art motioned to adopt the NMCCD Pledge for 2016-2017 and pay the annual dues of \$100.

## Final Budget & Resolution

The 2016-2017 Final Budget and Resolution were discussed. Per the 2015 audit, the budget line item for NMFA Repayment was separated to show the NMFA Interest Payment separate. See Budget below.

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Appropriations	15,000.00
Capital Outlay Funding	0.00
4000 - Grants	223,000.00
4100 - Interest on CD's	50.00
4200 - Mill Levy	390,000.00
4300 - Conservation Sale Items	30,000.00
4500 - Refund	0.00
4600 - State Land Office Rent	8,520.00
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Total Income	666,570.00

#### Expense

Building expense	60,000.00
Miscellaneous	588.00
NMFA Repayment (See CD Stmt)	20,902.85
NMFA Interest	6,879.15
Office Expenses	25,000.00
Payroll and Benefits	147,700.00
Professional Fees	20,000.00
Travel and Fuel	20,000.00
6040 - Conservation	295,000.00
6050 - Contract Service	15,000.00
6070 - Dues and Subscriptions	3,000.00
6100 - Insurance	37,500.00
6105 - Interest	0.00
6120 - Meetings	15,000.00
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
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Total Expense	666,570.00

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

A Roll Call vote was held to accept the 2016-2017 Final Budget Resolution:

David King – yea  
Lewis Fisher – yea  
Bill King – absent  
Mark Anaya – yea

Art Swenka – yea  
Bill Williams – yea  
Juan Sanchez – yea

### **Dog Head Fire Restoration**

Staff was busy with the Dog Head Fire. Daily In-briefings were held for cooperators for updates, etc. The fire spread to the north east across FS lands and into the Chilili Land Grant.

10,773 acres burned on the Land Grant, with approx. 6,600 acres burned on FS Lands and 436 acres burned on private lands. BLM, State of NM, and the Pueblo of Isleta each had burn areas of less than 100 acres each.

Staff has submitted an Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) application to NRCS for post fire rehabilitation.

- Site visits by NRCS staff, Kelly Smith and Cody Stropki have begun.
- Private funding has been received by ESWCD for assistance in the amount of \$7,000
- Staff has applied for assistance to the NM Communities Foundation.
- Edgewood Dog Head Fire Restoration Cost-Share Applications have been distributed.
- Staff is a part of the Dog Head Fire Rehab Coordinated Group. Two meetings rehabilitation meetings and 1 hydrology meeting have been held. Kim Kostelnik is the Group Coordinator representing Edgewood SWCD.

The Coordinated Rehabilitation Group members include: the offices of Senator Tom Udall, Senator Martin Heinrich, Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham, and Senator Ted Barela, Chilili Land Grant, US Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, NM State Forestry, USGS, USACE, Torrance County, Bernalillo County, USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Burn Area Emergency Recovery (BAER) Team, SAKAK Consulting, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Claunch-Pinto SWCD, and East Torrance SWCD.

Edgewood SWCD has purchased two weather stations for installation in Chilili, which will be coordinated with Bernalillo and Torrance County Emergency Office Coordinators (EOC) for flood alarm alerts. SWCA is coordinating and installing these systems.

### **South Mountain Land**

Ronald Fox is interested in selling his property on South Mountain to the Edgewood SWCD. Following discussion, discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next regular board meeting will be held on August 4, 2016 beginning at 10:00 AM.

### **Adjournment**

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:00 AM by Juan, motion seconded by Mark, motion carried.

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer