

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 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 King; Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Anaya; Member, Bill Williams; Member and Art Swenka; Member, and Juan Sanchez; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

None

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Brandon Bishop; NRCS-Estancia FO, Tommy Marshall; NRCS –State Office, and Tom Perkins; State Land Office.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The reconciliation for April has not been received from Zlotnick's Office, so it will be reviewed in June. Art motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A Roll Call vote was held to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters:

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

Lewis Fisher motioned to exit from the Executive Session, second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

REPORTS

SLO REPORT

Tom thanked the Board for their letter of support to Commissioner Dunn.

NRCS Report

Brandon reviewed the NRCS Report. He reported on this year's EQIP application deadline had ended, which included the Joint Chief's Award, which had received 10 applications for brush management.

Chairman King questioned if any of those applications were within the Edgewood SWCD Boundary. Brandon stated that none were from landowners in the Edgewood District. Chairman King questioned the failure of notification to the Edgewood District by NRCS.

Following some discussion, Brenda reviewed emails to Brandon and Tommy Marshall from the State Office dated February 16, 2016, but were not forwarded to the Edgewood SWCD until April 15, 2016, the Joint Chief's Application Deadline.

Edgewood SWCD Staff has continuously requested notifications of progress, meetings, deadlines, etc. for the Joint Chief's Program, with no positive outcome.

The board is extremely unhappy with this blatant disregard for the Edgewood SWCD partnership with NRCS for this project, and does not understand why this portion of the project cannot run as smoothly as the portion with US Forest Service.

Staff Report

Staff Report Reviewed. (See Full Report)

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

EBWPC does not meet until next week.

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.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

No Report.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Received 5 sealed bids for new transmitter, which needs to be purchased by end of June.

EMWTW

New RFP is out for an Engineer and more funding is needed. There is another company looking into the Estancia Basin to buy water rights.

NMDA REPORT

Brenda reviewed the NMDA Report. (See Full Report)

OLD BUSINESS

Green Waste Days

The board discussed payment of the Green Waste Days. Originally Edgewood SWCD was paying ¼ of the bill to Bernalillo County, but due to financial hardship of Ciudad SWCD, Edgewood SWCD has been paying ½ of the bill since November of 2014. Following discussion, Bill King motioned to no longer fund this project, motion second by Art, motion carried.

Staff will work on a new Green Waste Program within Torrance County.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointed Supervisors

The Appointed Supervisor positions were discussed. Bill King motioned to re-appoint Juan Sanchez and Art Swenka to the Edgewood SWCD Board. The required paperwork will be submitted to NMDA and the NM Soil & Water Commission.

2016-2017 Budget & Resolution

The Budget Committee consisting of David King, Juan Sanchez and Art Swenka met to review the 2016-2017 Budget. The Committee recommended the following Budget, which has a \$70.00 total increase:

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
	<u>666,570.00</u>
Building expense	60,000.00
Miscellaneous	588.00
NMFA Repayment (See CD Stmt)	27,782.00
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
	<u>666,570.00</u>

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 Budget Resolution:

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

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on June 2, 2016 beginning at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:25 PM by Juan, motion seconded by Art, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer