

# Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

## Board Meeting Minutes

### August 11, 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, Art Swenka; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, Bill Williams; Member and Juan Sanchez; Member

#### Board Members Absent & Excused

None

#### Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Jay Turner; USFS-Mountainair Ranger, Katie Mechenbier; NM Department of Agriculture, Tom Perkins; NM State Land Office, and Fronia Jaramillo; 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 July board meeting were reviewed. Mark motioned for approval of the July Minutes, motion second by Art, motion carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Brenda reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The reconciliation for July has not been received. This will be tabled for September. The July Treasurer Report 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.

#### GUEST

Jay Turner; the new USFS Mountainair Ranger was in attendance. He referenced the Edgewood SWCDs letter regarding breaching of the tanks above Chilili Land Grant. The US Forest Service has no intention of breaching any tanks. Elaine Korhman, USFS Cibola Supervisor has also sent an email confirming this.

#### REPORTS

##### Staff Report

Staff Report Reviewed. (See Full Report)

##### NRCS Report

Fronie reviewed the NRCS Report. (See Full Report)

Bill King asked that the contracts for EQIP/CRP/etc. could be placed on the report as it was in the past. Fronie stated that they would be listed from now on.

## **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**

Meeting is being held today in Estancia.

## **NM Coalition of Conservation Districts**

David reported that the Coalition hosted a Grant Training Workshop the end of July at the Edgewood SWCD Office. Reduced pricing was available for current NMCCD members.

The NMCCD Annual Meeting was held at the ESWCD Office on July 28, 2016, with good attendance. Alfredo Roybal; SF~Pojoaque was voted in as a new board member.

NMCCD currently has about 1/2 of the NM Soil & Water Conservation Districts as members.

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

Meeting next week.

## **KXNM 88.7 Radio**

Art reported that KXNM new transmitter was installed 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, and grant funds are being sought. Once funding is in place, Phase I will include a water filling station in McIntosh, followed by pipelines.

## **NMDA REPORT**

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. (See Full Report)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

The 2016-2017 Cost-Share Program has begun. 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**

### **Dog Head Fire Restoration**

Staff was busy with the Dog Head Fire rehabilitation. 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
- Edgewood Dog Head Fire Restoration Cost-Share Applications have been distributed.

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 September 1, 2016 beginning at 10:00 AM.

**Adjournment**

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:10 AM by Juan, motion seconded by Mark, motion carried.

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer