

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 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 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 August board meeting were reviewed. Mark motioned for approval of the August Minutes, motion second by Bill King, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

REPORTS

Staff Report

Staff Report Reviewed. (See Full Report)

NRCS Report

Jos reviewed the NRCS Report. (See Full Report)

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

No report.

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

David 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 ½ of the NM Soil & Water Conservation Districts as members.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

Funding has been approved.

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

No report.

NMDA REPORT

Brenda reviewed the NMDA Report. (See Full Report)

OLD 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 \$6,000
- 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.

Brenda has submitted an application for Emergency Funds to the State of NM.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Jay Turner; USFS Mountainair Ranger was in attendance to discuss the USFS Challenge Cost-Share Agreement with Edgewood SWCD.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting on October 7th.

Adjournment

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer