Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes November 29, 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, Tom Perkins; NM State Land Office, Tom Dominquez; SF County Extension Agent, and Louis King; NRCS-Acting DC

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September board meeting were reviewed. Art motioned for approval of the September Minutes, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

The October meeting was not held due to our Annual Meeting on October 7, 2016.

Treasurer Report

Brenda presented the Treasurer's Report. The 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.

GUEST

Landowner Billie Mitchell was to be in attendance, but is sick today. She will attend the next meeting.

REPORTS

Staff Report

No written report submitted.

Juan Sanchez stated that he appreciates the work the staff has done on the Dog Head Fire Restoration.

NRCS Report

Louis King; Acting DC reviewed the NRCS Report. (See Full Report)

SLO REPORT

Tom Perkins reported that the El Cabo Windfarm is the largest ever built at 1000 mega-watts. A new windfarm in Encino will begin construction before year end. Commissioner Dunn has granted Sun Zia a right-of-entry.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

No report.

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

NMCCD will hold a teleconference on December 6th, and the staff will meet prior on December 1st to discuss the Legislative Session, Ag Fest, etc.

David, Juan, Brenda and Kelly attended the Claunch-Pinto SWCD 75th Annual Meeting and were presented awards.

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

The radio station was off the air the end of October into November due to interference with the railroad frequency transmitter. However, it was discovered it was not 88.7 FM after all.

EMWTW

USDA Office in Los Lunas has streamlined the process for Phase I, and funded fully. Phase II for Rancho Grande Subdivision and the pipeline is moving forward.

NMDA REPORT

Brenda reviewed the NMDA Report. (See Full Report)

SF County Extension Office

Tom Dominguez; the new SF County Extension Agent was in attendance. Mark Anaya and Tommy Spindle are on his current Advisory Council. Tom reported that he will begin to hold office hours in Stanley for convenience of the landowners.

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 was awarded the Emergency Funding by the State of NM.

South Mountain Land

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

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Audit is complete and the Exit Conference will be held on November 30th at 10:00 AM. Bill Williams, Juan Sanchez, Ben Montoya and Brenda Smythe will be in attendance.

The NACD Conference will be held in Denver on January 28 to February 1. Any board member or staff interested in attending should let Brenda know asap.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer	