

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2017

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, and Bill Williams; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer and Juan Sanchez; Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Kenneth Lujan; NRCS-Acting DC, Tommy Marshall; NRCS, and Katie Mechenbier; NMDA

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January board meeting were tabled. Art motioned to table the January Minutes, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

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 Mark Anaya, motion carried.

GUEST

Landowner Billie Mitchell did not attend. Discussion with Billie tabled until next month.

REPORTS

Staff Report

No written report submitted.

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan Acting DC reviewed the NRCS Report. **(See Full Report)**

Tommy Marshall reported that due to the federal hiring freeze, Kenneth Lujan and Josh Archuleta will be rotating as Acting DC six weeks at a time. Tommy also reported that there is a new initiative to include SWCD staff members into all NRCS trainings. A new MOU should be drafted between NRCS and the Edgewood SWCD for specific assistance.

SLO REPORT

Edgewood SWCD Staff reported Tom Perkins has submitted his resignation.

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 1/2 of the NM Soil & Water Conservation Districts as members.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

Funding has been approved.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

No report.

EMWTW

USDA Rural Development Office in Los Lunas has granted EMWTW \$30,000 for Phase I, and funded fully. Phase II for Rancho Grande Subdivision and the pipeline is moving forward.

EBRA

The EBRA Annual Meeting was held Saturday, January 21st. Various groups within the county presented on their activities and assistance available for landowners. Brenda presented for the Edgewood SWCD. Roughly 40 landowners were in attendance.

NMDA REPORT

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. (See Full Report)

SF County Extension Office

None

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.
- Edgewood Dog Head Fire Restoration Cost-Share Applications have been distributed.
- Contracting has begun.

South Mountain Land

Tabled

2017 NACD Conference

David King and Brenda Smythe attended the NACD Conference in Denver. Brent Van Dyke has been elected the first NACD President from New Mexico.

USFS Challenge Cost Share Agreement

No agreement has been submitted to Edgewood SWCD by US Forest Service.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit

2016 Audit is complete, however the final report has not been released by the NM State Auditor.

Executive Session

Motion by Lewis Fisher to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Bill Williams, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – yea

Mark Anaya – yea

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Art Swenka, second by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – yea

Mark Anaya – yea

No action taken during Executive Session. A Budget Committee and Personnel Committee Meeting will be scheduled prior to the next board meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on March 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:40 AM by Mark Anaya, motion seconded by Lewis Fisher motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer