

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2017

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman; David King at 10:05 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Bill King; Secretary//Treasurer, Art Swenka; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, and Juan Sanchez; Member and Bill Williams; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

None

Others Present

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May board meetings were reviewed. Art motioned to approve the May Minutes, motion second by Juan, 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 Bill King, motion carried.

REPORTS

Staff Report

Brenda reviewed the staff report. **(See Full Report)**

NMDA REPORT

Katie reviewed the NMDA Report. **(See Report)**

SLO REPORT

No Report

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan; NRCS Acting District Conservationist presented the NRCS Report. **(See Report)**

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

NMCCD will hold their Annual Meeting on July 27th in Socorro.

Rio Grande Water Fund

Juan and Brenda attended the quarterly meeting in May. More private companies are beginning to contribute to the Water Fund. There are 58 signatories in this organization, which includes the Edgewood SWCD. Brenda also sits on the communications Committee which constructs the quarterly newsletter.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

The next meeting will be held on June 8th.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

The current Estancia Basin Watershed Health, Restoration and Monitoring Projects are underway.

- \$96,666 allocation to Edgewood SWCD via Water Trust Board
- \$40,000 allocation to Ciudad SWCD transferred to Edgewood SWCD for SLO Six Shooter
- \$88,333 allocation to Edgewood SWCD via Non-federal Lands Grant

2015 Contracts are complete.

2016 Contract to be signed this week.

2017 Contract has been approved.

2018 Pre-proposal was not submitted in time.

EMWTW

Manzano and Mountainair are opposing the water line.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

New windows are needed in the McIntosh Studio.

GUESTS

Jay Turner, Mountainair Ranger presented Certificates of Appreciation from the USFS to Juan Sanchez, Art Swenka, Brenda Smythe and Kelly Smith for their work on the Sandia and Mountainair Landscape Teams.

OLD BUSINESS

2017-2018 Budget

The 2017-2018 Budget & Resolution were approved during the May meeting and submitted to DFA, which has been approved. Final Budget Resolution will be addressed during the July meeting.

EWP-Dog Head Fire

Brenda requested the final EWP Report be submitted to the Edgewood SWCD by NRCS. Kenneth Lujan will speak to Kenny Branch.

NEW BUSINESS

2017-2018 Dog Head Fire Restoration Cost-Share

There are additional requests coming into the District for Dog Head Fire rehabilitation, specifically flooding issues. Following discussion, the board suggested that Brenda apply for additional Emergency Funds to address these concerns.

USFS Challenge Cost-Share Agreement

Brenda met with US Forest Service staff and Ciudad SWCD at the Cienega Camp Ground, located on Highway 536, which is within the Ciudad SWCD boundaries. The Ciudad SWCD does not have the ability to partner with USFS at this time for this project, and therefore submitted an agreement to the Edgewood SWCD to proceed with this project along with the USFS. A site-visit with contractors was held on May 25th, and deadline to submit quotes for this restoration project is Friday, June 2, 2017 at noon. In order to move forward with this project the Edgewood SWCD has received their Challenge Cost-Share Agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to increase the conservation of natural resources. This agreement is effective through September 30, 2021.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on July 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:25 AM by Bill King, motion seconded by Mark Anaya motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer