

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2018

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman; David King at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Ben Montoya; Internal Auditor, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA, Kenneth Lujan; NRCS Estancia FO District Conservationist, Crystal Powell; Sandia Ranger, and Jay Turner; Mountainair Ranger

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Art Swenka to approve the minutes, motion seconded by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

Motion by Bill Williams to enter Executive Session to discuss Attorney Consultation, seconded by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – yea

Mark Anaya – yea

Bill King – 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

Bill King – yea

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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; Estancia Field Office – District Conservationist reviewed the report. **(See Report)**

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

None

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

John Jones has resigned from Entramosa and the EBWP Committee. Rick Thompson is the new Chairman and Dan McGregor is the Sec/Treasurer.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

The following is a list of Project Funding through the EBWH&R

- 2016 Funding: 3 projects left to complete
- 2018 Funding should be released soon
- FEMA Grant via Claunch-Pinto SWCD should be granted soon

EMWTW

Steve Anaya is the new Moriarty Representative.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Sponsorship is good, and Neilson Ratings show the radio station with an average of 400 listeners. KXNM has a new “wellness” program which will run a few times a week.

EBRA

EBRA held their Annual Meeting, and Cody Stropki did a presentation regarding the Trigo Fire. Art has retired as Chairman.

Water Resources Board

NM Tech did a presentation on their well mapping. There are some wells in the area that are showing to have increased; Larson – up 10’, Swenka – up 10’, Evans – up, however, Schwebach is showing down. The Bernalillo County Water Authority also did a presentation. The Water Authority recently adopted an update to its Water Conservation Plan. The update sets a new usage goal of 110 gallons per capita per day (GPCD) by 2037. The current GPCD is 128, so a reduction of about 1 gallon per person per day each year is all we need to reach the goal.

Mountainair RD

Jay Turner; Mountainair Ranger, reported that the Mountainair Ranger District will go into Stage II Fire Restrictions on May 4, 2018. The Cibola has a new Forest Supervisor; Steve Hattenbach, and Elaine Kohrman is the new Deputy. Jay also reported that Ian Fox is on detail at the Regional Office.

Sandia RD

Crystal Powell; Sandia Ranger, reported that the Sandia Ranger District will go into Stage II Fire Restrictions on May 11, 2018. She thanked the board and staff for their assistance on the Cienega Project, and stated the project was successful! She is continuing to send control burn information to KXNM Radio, which is working out nicely.

OLD BUSINESS

South Mountain Access

The District received a response from their Attorney regarding access for Judy Fry. Following discussion, Art Swenka motioned to table the decision until a second opinion could be received, motion seconded by Bill King, motion carried. David King and Brenda will also meet with Matthew McQueen to discuss our options for a Conservation Easement.

NEW BUSINESS

Associate Member

David King spoke to the board regarding adding Mark Dixon from the Pueblo of Isleta as an Associate Member. Following discussion, Bill King motioned to place Mark on the board as an Associate Member, beginning immediately. Motion was seconded by Art Swenka, motion carried. Associate Members have no voting rights.

Edgewood SWCD Boundaries

Staff and board members are currently reviewing the boundaries. Staff will meet with Bernalillo County for further information regarding the two landowners in question. A meeting with East Torrance Chair, Ryan Schwebach needs to be held. Brenda will set this up prior to the next meeting.

Torreón Fire Department Request

Discussion regarding the Torreón Fire Department request of \$15, 000 for a brush truck. Following discussion, Mark Anaya motioned to table this request, motion seconded by Juan Sanchez, motion carried. The board is requesting a denial letter from the State Fire Marshall before moving forward on this request.

2018-2019 Preliminary Budget

The 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget was reviewed. Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Budget made by Art, motion second by Mark, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea
Lewis Fisher – yea
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Mark Anaya – yea
Bill King – absent at vote

2018-2019 Mill Levy Resolution

The Mill Levy Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was reviewed. A motion to pass the Mill Levy Resolution was made Juan Sanchez, motion second by Lewis Fisher.

A Roll Call vote was held to accept the 2018-2019 Mill Levy Resolution:

David King – yea
Lewis Fisher – yea
Bill King – absent at vote
Mark Anaya – yea
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Juan Sanchez – yea

Appointed Supervisors

The Appointed Supervisor positions were discussed. Bill King motioned to re-appoint Juan Sanchez and Art Swenka to the Edgewood SWCD Board. The required paperwork will be submitted to NMDA and the NM Soil & Water Commission.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on June 7, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:45 AM by Art Swenka, motion seconded by Bill Williams, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer