

# Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

## Board Meeting Minutes

### August 9, 2018

#### **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, Mark Anaya; Member, Juan Sanchez; Member, Bill Williams; Member, and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

#### **Board Members Absent & Excused**

Art Swenka; Member and Mark Dixon, Associate Member

#### **Others Present**

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA, Ben Montoya; Bookkeeping Oversight, Linda Montoya

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Juan Sanchez motioned for approval of the Agenda, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mark Anaya to approve the July minutes, motion seconded by Bill Williams, motion carried.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Brenda presented the Treasurer's Report. Bill King motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

#### **Budget Committee Report**

The Budget Committee (David King, Bill King, Lewis Fisher, and Brenda Smythe) met prior to the board meeting. The District's surplus funds were all utilized during the Dog Head Fire Restoration work, and therefore, the next few months will be extremely tight until the December and January Mill Levy collections. The Committee is recommending a loan be secured and the following budget adjustments be made: **Income** – Lower Mill Levy collections by \$20,000 to meet last fiscal year's collections, **Expenses: Lower each of the following: \$10,000** on Building expense, \$4,000 on Professional Fees (Montoya's Bookkeeping Services no longer under contract, Zlotnick, Law & Sandoval will remain), \$10,000 on Travel and \$20,000 (board members will no longer receive payment for meeting attendance & all board member and staff travel will be cut to a minimum) on Conservation (match funds to outside grants). Lewis Fisher motioned that the District get a loan from Western Commerce or Wells Fargo Bank, motion seconded by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.

David King will begin the loan process, and Brenda will submit the Budget Adjustments to DFA.

## **REPORTS**

### **District Staff Report**

Brenda spoke to the board regarding the Torrance County Fair for Marci Wallin and Danielle Johnston, who were unable to attend today. The Fair Board sends their appreciation to the District for their support and encouraged their attendance at this year's fair. Brenda reviewed the staff report. **(See Full Report)**

### **NMDA REPORT**

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

### **SLO REPORT**

Not in attendance.

### **NRCS Report**

Brenda reviewed the NRCS report. **(See Report)**

### **Farm Bill Report**

Christina presented the Farm Bill Report **(See Report)**

### **NM Coalition of Conservation Districts**

No report given.

### **Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee**

Art Swenka not in attendance

### **Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration**

Brenda reported that the next funding cycle for the Estancia Basin Watershed Health, Restoration and Monitoring Project should begin soon. Allocations for Edgewood/East Torrance/Claunch-Pinto SWCDs were established at \$110,000 per district.

### **EMWTW**

Art Swenka not in attendance

### **KXNM 88.7 Radio**

Art Swenka not in attendance

### **EBRA**

Art Swenka not in attendance

### **Water Resources Board**

No meeting held in August

### **Mountainair RD**

No Report

**Sandia RD**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Survey/Easement of South Mountain & South Mountain Access**

David King, Brenda and Kelly will meet again with Attorney Matthew McQueen to discuss our options for a Conservation Easement. No further information has been received. Discussion tabled.

**Edgewood SWCD Boundaries**

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Chilili Land Grant have been working on correcting the Edgewood SWCD boundaries.

The Edgewood SWCD staff and Chairman, David King, and Chilili Land Grant President, Juan Sanchez, have met with both Torrance and Bernalillo Counties. Both counties agreed that the Chilili Land Grant boundaries do fall within the Edgewood SWCD boundaries.

We are awaiting further information from the counties.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Re-organization of the Board**

Bill Williams motioned to keep the current slate of officers for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, motion second by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

**Annual Meeting**

The 2018 Annual Meeting was discussed. Following discussion, an Annual Open House, with light refreshments and conservation education booths from the District and partnering agencies will be held instead. It will on Friday, October 5, 2018 from 10:00AM – 3:00 PM.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next regular board meeting will be September 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

**Adjournment**

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:15 AM by Mark Anaya, motion seconded by Bill Williams, motion carried.

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer