

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

September 6, 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, Art Swenka; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, Juan Sanchez; Member, Bill Williams; Member, and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Mark Dixon, Associate Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Representative, and Kenneth Lujan; NRCS District Conservationist

Approval of Agenda

Juan Sanchez motioned for approval of the Agenda, motion second by Lewis Fisher, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Art Swenka to approve the August minutes, motion seconded by Bill King, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Brenda presented the Treasurer's Report. Art Swenka motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion second by Bill King, 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 working on securing a loan. A budget Committee meeting will be held prior to each board meeting for the next few months.

REPORTS

District Staff Report

Brenda reviewed the District Staff Report. **(See Report)**

Precipitation Report

Lewis Fisher reported on the precipitation for the last month in Stanley.

NMDA REPORT

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

SLO REPORT

Not in attendance.

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan 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

No meeting held.

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

No meeting held.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Art Swenka reported the Radio Station is doing very well. Brenda thanked Art and KXNM for running the District's Ads.

EBRA

No meeting held.

Water Resources Board

No meeting held in August.

Sandia RD

The Sandia Collaborative will hold their next meeting at the James McGrane Complex in Tijeras at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 20th to meet our newly hired Facilitator. A Public Meeting that evening at the UNM Continuing Education building location at University and Indian School 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The soft release of the Draft Release of the Forest Plan & Draft EIS will be reviewed.

Mountainair RD

The next Mountainair Landscape Team will meet on September 27th at 10:00 AM, following with the Mountainair Collaborative at 1:00 PM, both at the Edgewood SWCD Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Survey/Easement of South Mountain & South Mountain Access

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.

Betty Cabber; Torrance County Assessor found several errors in their billing system, that corrected landownership within the Chilili Land Grant from Edgewood SWCD to East Torrance SWCD. Betty does not know how these errors occurred but has corrected them to show that all landowners within the Chilili Land Grant are within the Edgewood SWCD.

Julie Maitland; NMDA has sent the new resolution that must be passed by the Board. After review, Bill King motioned for approval, motion second by Art Swenka, motion carried after a roll-call vote. Roll-Call Vote as follows:

David King	<u> X </u> yea	_____ nay
Lewis Fisher	<u> X </u> yea	_____ nay
Bill King	<u> X </u> yea	_____ nay
Mark Anaya	<u> X </u> yea	_____ nay
Bill Williams	<u> X </u> yea	_____ nay
Art Swenka	<u> X </u> yea	_____ nay
Juan Sanchez	<u> X </u> yea	_____ nay

NEW BUSINESS

After Wildfire New Mexico Learning Exchange

Brenda was invited to present at this year’s After Wildfire New Mexico Learning Exchange on the District’s role during the Dog Head Fire. The Exchange is offering a stipend for travel. Following discussion, Art Swenka moved for approval of Brenda’s attendance, motion second by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be prior to our Open House on October 5, 2018 at 9:00 AM. No budget meeting will be held in October. The Open House will be held from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. All board members are encouraged to attend to meet the public.

Adjournment

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer