

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 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 and Juan Sanchez; Member, Art Swenka; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, Bill Williams; Member, Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Mark Dixon, Associate Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Kenneth Lujan; NRCS District Conservationist, Nadine Lucero; NRCS Farm Bill Specialist, Jason Lithgow; State Land Office, and David Smythe; Ciudad SWCD Assessor

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mark Anaya to approve the October 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 Art Swenka, motion carried.

Budget Committee Report

The Budget Committee (David/Bill King/Lewis) met prior to the meeting. Some of the board members are unclear of annual budget and reporting and would like a training. A session for the full board will be set.

Executive Session

An Executive Session has been called by member Bill Williams to discuss personnel. Motion by Lewis Fisher to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Juan, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Juan Sanchez - 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
Juan Sanchez – yea
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Mark Anaya – yea
Bill King – left before vote

No action taken during Executive Session.

A Budget Session to review the full budget line items in depth and is tentatively set for next month at 9:00 AM. Motion to have this session made by Bill Williams, motion seconded by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

Motion made by Lewis that staff work with Juan Sanchez to gather the remaining 2 letters regarding the Chilili Land Grant boundary. Motion seconded by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee Meeting (David/Lewis/Art) met prior to the meeting. The Personnel Committee is very happy with the staff, and no issues are present. Lewis Fisher commended the staff for the great job they did with the District's Open House last month.

Bill Williams stated that he was unsure why the Executive Session was called as personnel issues. Bill Williams and Mark Anaya stated that they are not looking at any terminations. They are simply requesting that correspondence from the Edgewood SWCD be sent to each board member.

GUEST

David Smythe; Ciudad SWCD Forest Assessor reported three public meetings for hazardous fuel tree removal and defensible space in the Manzano and Sandia Mountains were held in partnership with Ciudad SWCD, Edgewood SWCD and NM State Forestry on October 10th (San Pedro), 17th (Tijeras) and 24th (Tijeras). Although attendance was low, great feedback from landowners, and several applications were received.

REPORTS

District Staff Report

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

Precipitation Report

Lewis reported that Stanley received almost 3" of precipitation in October.

NMDA REPORT

NMDA staff not present. Brenda reviewed the NMDA Report. **(See Report)**

SLO REPORT

Jason and Brenda reported that State Land Office is working with Edgewood SWCD for planning on thinning projects within our District Boundary. NM State Land Office has funds currently, and matching funds will come from Edgewood SWCD via NMSF Non-Federal Lands Grant and/or Water Trust Board funds, but not directly from Edgewood SWCD.

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan reviewed the NRCS report, and Farm Bill Specialist Nadine Lucero was introduced. **(See Report)**

Farm Bill Report

No Report

NM Coalition of Conservation Districts

HB163 has been reviewed by NMCCD. A letter from NMCCD has been sent stating NMCCD needs to look into it further before they take a stand. Brenda will forward the bill to each board member. Christina will reach out to Western Landowner Alliance regarding this bill. NMACD opposes the bill.

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. Planning has begun.

EMWTW

No Meeting

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

EBRA voted in their new slate of officers. They are Ted Barela; President, Art Swenka; Vice-President, Janice Barela; Secretary, Bob Stearly; Treasurer. EBRA has roughly \$188,000 in bank from donations.

Water Resources Board

Art and Brenda continue to attend the quarterly Water Resources Board meetings in Albuquerque. Brenda along with Elaine Hebard (Water Advocates), Bart Faris (City of Albuquerque) and Don Lopez (Village of Los Ranchos) are members of the WRB-Water Resource Database Committee. The Committee's intent is to develop and maintain a Water Resource database. The next step is to conduct a survey to decide what this data-base should include.

Art spoke to the board regarding the Water Resources Board's planned Resolution together to ban fracking in oil of gas, etc. due to concerns of aquifer contamination. This board needs to start thinking about our stand on this issue.

Sandia RD and Mountainair RD

Brenda reported the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands (Cibola) is revising its 1985 Land and Resource Management Plan for the Sandia, Mountainair, Magdalena, and Mt. Taylor Ranger Districts. Currently, the Cibola's draft plan and DEIS are available for public preview. In early 2019, the draft plan and associated draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will be released for public comment with a 90-day formal comment period.

Mark Anaya motioned to make a Forest Plan Revision sub-committee comprised of Art Swenka, Juan Sanchez, and Bill Williams, to work on comments for Edgewood SWCD, motion seconded by Lewis, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Survey/Easement of South Mountain & South Mountain Access

Discussion tabled.

Edgewood SWCD Boundaries

Edgewood SWCD is still waiting on the resolution from East Torrance SWCD which is necessary to proceed at the next Commission meeting. Discussion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Next Board Meeting

December 6, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer