

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2019

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman; David King at 10:30 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Board Members Absent & Excused

Mark Anaya; Member and Mark Dixon, Associate Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Kenneth Lujan; NRCS District Conservationist

Approval of Agenda

Christina Allday-Bondy asked to add Healthy Soils Initiative discussion to the agenda. Bill King motioned for approval of the Agenda as amended, motion second by Art Swenka, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Juan Sanchez to approve the December minutes, motion seconded by Bill King, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

A QuickBooks Budgeting over-view session was held prior to the meeting as requested. Brenda presented the Treasurer's Report. Bill King motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried. Although our current auditor suggested the District convert their books back to cash reporting instead of accrual reporting, David King has spoken to Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, and they recommend that the District keep them in accrual. The Manager will continue to submit reports to the board members and DFA on cash basis.

GUEST

Steve Glass; Ciudad SWCD's Chairman was unable to attend today's meeting. The Ciudad SWCD Board is requesting to transfer a portion of Santa Fe County from the northeast corner of Ciudad SWCD into Edgewood SWCD.

REPORTS

District Staff Report

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

Precipitation Report

Lewis reported that Stanley received 4/10ths of precipitation in January.

NMDA REPORT

The board reviewed the NMDA report. **(See Report)**

SLO REPORT

No Report

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan reviewed the NRCS report. **(See Report)**

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

Art did not attend.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

Brenda reported that allocations for Edgewood/East Torrance/Claunch-Pinto SWCDs were established at \$110,000 per district. Planning has begun.

EMWT Water

EMWT Water was ready to sign the State Land Office lease for the 10 acres, but the quote that was given to them originally was not in the final paperwork. EMWT Water will have to begin the process again.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Art Swenka reported the Radio Station is doing very well, with 1 ½ paid employees and 6 volunteers. The tower work is complete. The station was donated over 137,000 songs by an ex DJ.

EBRA

EBRA will hold their Annual Meeting this Saturday at 2:00 PM at the Moriarty Civic Center.

Water Resources Board

Brenda attended the last Water Resources Board's Special Meeting last week. Discussion was held regarding fracking and concerns of aquifer contamination. A subcommittee was formed. The Edgewood SWCD needs to start thinking about its 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.

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.

Healthy Soils Initiative

The board spoke about the Healthy Soils Initiative. This program promotes farming and ranching systems that improve the health in the soils of the state according to the following ecological principles: (1) Keep soil covered, (2) Minimize disturbance to soils and external inputs, (3) Maintain living roots, (4) Maximize biodiversity, (5) Integrate animals in farm systems. The Board is in favor of this initiative, but only if all 47 soil & water districts get an even share of the funding. Following discussion, Bill King motioned that Edgewood SWCD is in favor of this initiative, but only if the 5M is distributed equally between all 47 Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Motion seconded by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Boundary Modification – Ciudad SWCD

The boundary modification requested for the northeast portion of the Ciudad SWCD to be annexed into the Edgewood SWCD was discussed. Motion for approval of the annexation by Art Swenka, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

AgFest

AgFest will be held on Tuesday, February 5th in Santa Fe. Brenda has tickets if anyone wishes to attend.

Soil & Water Conservation Day

Soil & Water Conservation Day will be on Tuesday, February 5th at the Rotunda.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

March 7th at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:40 AM by Juan Sanchez, motion seconded by Lewis Fisher, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer