

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2019

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman; David King at 10:05 AM.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Board Members Absent & Excused

Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Kenneth Lujan; NRCS – Estancia Field Office, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA, Dominique Zuni; Pueblo of Isleta, Clarissa Dixon; Pueblo of Isleta, Donald Serrano; USFS – Mountainair Acting Ranger

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

Brenda Smythe presented the Treasurer's Report. No Budget Committee meeting was held. Art motioned to accept the report as presented, motion second by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

REPORTS

District Staff Report

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

Precipitation Report

No report.

NMDA REPORT

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

SLO REPORT

No Report received.

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan; NRCS – Estancia Field Office presented the report (**See Report**)

NMCCD

David reported that NM Coalition of Conservation Districts held their Annual Meeting at our office on August 15th. NMCCD sent a letter to NACD 1st VP, Michael Crowder. This followed he and Manager B. Smythe being contacted by NACD regarding the Coalition and NMACD sitting down with NACD to discuss reconciliation/consolidating into one Association.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

No meeting held.

EMWT Water

EMWT held their Annual Meeting last Tuesday. There is some confusion regarding the EMWT (4 entities of Estancia, Mountainair, Willard and Torrance County), which the group is working on. They also need to secure other funds not to lose the Rural Development Funds. They will be approaching Governor Lujan-Grisham for discretionary funds.

EBRA

No meeting held.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

The Radio Station is doing well. They are working on doing live broadcasts at local games and local events. 8000 songs have been uploaded to the new operating system. The Email for the radio station is info@KXNM.org and the phone number is 505-886-0605. The Edgewood SWCD is advertising on the station, which is working very well. They will be broadcasting live from during our Open House in October.

Water Resources Board

Art reported that there has been discussion regarding gas and oil fracking and the possible contamination to the groundwater. Dan McGregor is working on this report.

Sandia RD and Mountainair RD

Donald Serrano; Mountainair Acting Ranger reported on the ongoing Forest Plan Revision. It is very dry, and huge problem on the mountain right now is unattended campfires. He will speak to staff at the Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts to ensure someone is present for our Open House in October.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Outlay

The District was funded \$50,000 by 2019 Capital for building renovations. Work has begun, and most of the funds have been allocated.

Survey/Easement of South Mountain and South Mountain Access

Discussion tabled.

Edgewood SWCD Boundary

The Edgewood SWCD boundaries are still not resolved. The Secretary of State has finally ratified the portion of the Pueblo of Isleta. The Chilili Land Grant; which has been corrected by Torrance County has not been corrected. According to NMDA, Edgewood SWCD is required to submit signed landowner letters stating they want to be moved into this District. Chairman King and Manager B. Smythe have spoken to the Secretary of State. However, they feel it is out of their jurisdiction.

The boundary modification requested for the northeast portion of the Ciudad SWCD to be annexed into the Edgewood SWCD was approved in the January meeting. However, once we pulled the landownership, it shows, as Chairman King had stated, that this annexation had already been done. These landowners in question are already within the Edgewood SWCD and have been paying our Mill Levy Tax for many years. NMDA's map is incorrect. This issue was addressed with the Secretary of State and Ciudad Chairman; Steve Glass. According to Steve Glass in an email to Manager B. Smythe, he believes "...Edgewood SWCD should simply write a letter to the Commission, citing the tax records as evidence that the Area of Interest was previously re-annexed into Edgewood SWCD (even if the original records can't be located), and requesting that the Commission direct NMDA to correct their boundary maps accordingly."

Following discussion Art motioned that the board send a letter to the Soil & Water Conservation Commission requesting to be added to the next Commission Meeting Agenda in October, and stating that with the tax records, landowner accounts and the email from Chairman Glass, the maps need to be corrected. If they are not corrected, this board will seek legal action. This letter will be copied to NMDA, Ciudad and East Torrance SWCDs, our attorney and Governor Lujan-Grisham. Motion second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.

2019 Elections

The 2019 Elections will be held on November 5, 2019 state-wide. Declarations for all positions are on August 27th in the County registered in from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There has been some confusion with these new election rules for the SWCDs. Brenda has informed the SOS regarding the election and positions to be placed on the ballot, so the board asked Brenda to send emails and/or letters to all three counties to make sure each county clerk is aware of the election.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Capital Outlay

Brenda met with Christina Allday-Bondy on September 16th to discuss the 2020 Capital Outlay submission.

2018-2019 Audit

The 2018-2019 Audit will be held October 28th.

Edgewood SWCD Open House

The 2019 Open House will be held on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Santa Fe County Property Resolution

Tabled for Soil & Water Commission response

NACD Dues

The NACD Dues were discussed. Mark Anaya motioned to pay \$750, motion second by Juan, motion carried.

Soil & Water Conservation Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting will be held in Raton on October 30th. Any board member that can attend to discuss our boundary issue, please let Brenda know ASAP. Brenda will be attending.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

October 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:21 AM by Art motion seconded by Bill Williams, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer