

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2020

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 Bill Williams; Member, Juan Sanchez; Member, and 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 Estancia FO, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Representative, and Jason Lithgow; NM State Land Office.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Bill Williams motioned for approval of the January minutes with the change of the “next meeting date to February 6, 2020”. Motion second by Art Swenka as amended, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Brenda Smythe presented the Treasurer’s Report. Motion by Art Swenka to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

GUESTS

Martin Lucero from the Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority spoke to the board regarding a Torrance County-wide Earth Day Event, that he would like the Edgewood SWCD to co-sponsor. If approved, the Edgewood SWCD would:

- Trees (Arizona Ash, Etc) as long as they will be maintained
- Small tubling trees for students to plant at home to support the Million Tree Initiative
- 1 200-gallon tank for water catchment for planters
- Blue Grama/Buffalo Grass Seed mix.
- 1 composting bin
- Re-usable bags to students & teachers
- Misc. hand-outs promoting ESWCD

REPORTS

District Staff Report

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

NMDA REPORT

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

SLO REPORT

Jason reported on the activities with NM State Land Office.

NRCS Report

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

NMCCD

David reported that the NM Coalition of Conservation Districts hosted a booth during AgFest. It was very successful.

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

No Report

Estancia Basin Watershed Health & Restoration

2019 CFRP – DC waiting to release it. 2017 RCCP – 1 remaining contract is left to complete. 2018 – RCCP – NRCS in currently ranking the proposals. 2019 – WTB funds of \$600,000 have been released. 2018 – WTB – 2 remaining contracts to pay. SWCA Consultants will begin using drones to monitor our project sites. The South Mountain Weather Station is old and needs updated computer components. The final details are being done for the FEMA Grant, which is for projects on Aceves Ranch.

EMWT Water

No Report

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Radio Station is doing well.

Water Resources Board

No Report

Sandia RD and Mountainair RD

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Edgewood SWCD Boundary

No discussion. This item will be removed from agenda.

2018-2019 Audit

The 2018-2019 Audit was completed on December 2, 2019.

2020 Capital Outlay

Brenda and Christina worked on the 2020 Capital Outlay, which was submitted to all of our Legislative Representatives and Senators.

The 2020 requests were as follows:

- Building renovation and improvement project (\$100,000) which includes:
 - \$50,000 ~ Solar energy array to reduce our operating costs and provide a highly visible demonstration project in the region
 - \$10,000 ~ Security gate with keypad
 - \$10,000 ~ Repaving and striping of parking lot
 - \$30,000 ~ Construction of covered breezeway
- Purchase of vehicle (\$30,000)
 - \$30,000 ~ New 2019 or 2020 Sedan to replace existing high mileage vehicle

2020 NACD Annual Convention

Bill Williams and Brenda will be attending the 2020 Annual NACD Conference.

Checking Account Transfer

Brenda reported to the board that due to Mill Levy Collections running late, she is waiting until the end of February – early March to move the account from Wells Fargo to USBank.

NEW BUSINESS

Earth Day Event

Following discussion, Art motioned to sponsor the Earth Day Events in cooperation with Torrance County with a limit of \$3000 to be spent, motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

Envirothon Sponsorship

NM Envirothon President sent a letter requesting assistance for the 2020 Envirothon. Juan motioned to support the event in the amount of \$500, motion second by Mark Anaya, motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:33 AM by Bill King, motion seconded by Lewis, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer