

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 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, Bill Williams; Member, Juan Sanchez; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Mark Anaya; Member, Mark Dixon; Associate Member and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; Technician, Kenneth Lujan; NRCS Estancia FO, Dee Tarr; Claunch-Pinto SWCD, Gary Chavez; Santa Fe Farms, Elise Taylor and Kevin Urquart; USBank

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2019 Audit

Motion by Bill Williams to enter Executive Session to discuss the 2019 audit findings. Motion seconded by Art Swenka; motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea
Lewis Fisher – yea
Bill King – yea
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Mark Anaya – absent
Juan Sanchez - yea

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Lewis Fisher, second by Art Swenka, motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea
Lewis Fisher – yea
Bill King – yea
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Mark Anaya – absent
Juan Sanchez - yea

No action was taken during executive session. Although the board and staff does not agree with some of the findings, they are working with the auditor and the district’s oversight bookkeeping firm to insure a good audit next fiscal year.

Motion made by Lewis Fisher to sign the audit agreement with DeAun Willoghby for one more year. Motion second by Bill King, motion carried. Brenda will submit the form to the OSA website.

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

Gary Chavez from Santa Fe Farms spoke to the group regarding his project in partnership with Edgewood SWCD through the HSP Funding.

REPORTS

District Staff Report

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

NMDA REPORT

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

SLO REPORT

No report

NRCS Report

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

NMCCD

No report.

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

Art reported that he may be stepping down from this committee.

KXNM 88.7 Radio

Art reported that the Radio Station is doing well. He also stated that he is pursuing the sale of the station.

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 submitted the 2020 Capital Outlay requests to all 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

Of the requests, the only one awarded was \$15,000 towards the purchase of a vehicle.

2020 NACD Annual Convention

Bill Williams and Brenda attended the 2020 Annual NACD Conference and shared their feedback. Brenda also handed out the 2019 NACDE Report, which she put together.

Checking Account Transfer

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

Earth Day Event

The Earth Day Events in cooperation with Torrance County is set. A final agenda will be presented next month.

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2021 Mill Levy Resolution

The 2020-2021 Mill Levy Resolution was reviewed. Motion made by Bill King to approve the Mill Levy Resolution. Motion second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea
Lewis Fisher – yea
Bill King – yea
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Mark Anaya – absent
Juan Sanchez – yea

District Manager, Brenda Smythe notarized the resolution. It will be sent to NMDA and the Soil & Water Conservation Commission as well as the newspaper for publication.

NRCS Agreement

The new NRCS Agreement with Edgewood SWCD was reviewed. Motion by Lewis Fisher to sign the Agreement, motion second by Art Swenka, motion carried. The signed Agreement will be emailed to the NRCS State Office.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11:48 AM by Juan, motion seconded by Lewis, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer