

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

**VIA TELECONFERENCE
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
August 6, 2020**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by teleconference by Chairman; David King at 10:09 AM.

Board Members in Attendance Via Teleconference

David King; Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Mark Anaya; Member, Art Swenka; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill Williams; Juan Sanchez; Member, and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Others Present Via Teleconference

Brenda Smythe; District Manager and Kelly Smith; Technician, Katie Mechenbier; NMDA Specialist, and Kenneth Lujan; NRCS District Conservationist

Approval of Agenda

Art Swenka motioned for approval of the Agenda. Motion second by Mark Anaya, 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 – absent

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez - absent

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 2020 meeting were reviewed. Art Swenka motioned for approval of the July 2020 minutes. Motion second by Mark Anaya, 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 – absent

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez - absent

Treasurer Report

Brenda Smythe presented the Treasurer's Report.

The Wells Fargo Payroll Protection Loan was approved and has been deposited into the Wells Fargo account. With this loan this account will remain open and used as the Payroll Account only.

The new USBank Purchase Cards are being utilized.

The 2019-2020 Budget Adjustment & Resolution has been submitted to DFA and copied to NMDA.

Final Quarter Report and Resolution has been submitted to DFA and copied to NMDA.

The 2020-2021 Budget & Resolution has been submitted to DFA and copied to NMDA.

Motion by Art Swenka to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion second by Mark Anaya 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 – absent

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez - absent

REPORTS

NMDA Report

Report emailed to board and Katie reported highlights.

Healthy Soils deadline August 31, 2020 via SWCDs to apply to NMDA.

NMSF Landscape Scale Restoration Program (LSR) deadline is August 31, 2020.

NRCS Report

Report emailed to board.

OLD BUSINESS

CNME Billing

Our building has been rated as Commercial Use instead of General Use, which has our electric bill twice the amount of buildings (including the 2 additional SWCD offices in Torrance County). With this higher billing, we estimate this board has paid more than \$54,000 more than buildings the same size in the last 15 years. Discussion was held during the July meeting to have Bill King investigate this billing issue and report back to the board.

Bill spoke to Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative (CNMEC). According to CNMEC staff, the Edgewood SWCD uses more kw hours, and they stated our building is larger. The commercial rate is lower, however has a demand charge. Bill was unable to take it in front of the full board but will have further discussions with CNMEC. Brenda will ask Dee regarding the size of her building and to see copies of their bills.

2020 Capital Outlay

The 2020 Capital Outlay funding for a vehicle was approved in the DFA system, however it did not make the June Bond sale, and should go through in December.

Covid-19 SBA Application

The Wells Fargo Payroll Protection Loan was deposited into the Wells Fargo account on July 7, 2020. With this loan this account will remain open and used as the Payroll Account only.

The Payroll Protection Forgiveness Application has been done and awaiting on Wells Fargo Bank for submission details. For this loan to be forgiven, the payroll cost requirement must meet at least 60%. Edgewood SWCDs percentage is 99%.

Ojo de la Casa Fire Report

Art reported that the fire is out. Only 3 fire personnel in the Mountainair Ranger District.

Rain Report

Lewis reported Stanley received just under 2.96" of rain in July. Swenka's place has received some good rain, but none of the 5 stock tanks retained water. Rough Road Ranch received about 1.5", and Torreon received almost 5 inches.

NEW BUSINESS

KXNM Radio Live Streaming

Art discussed that KXNM began live streaming world-wide. \$30/month charge would link our website to KXNM.org. Following discussion Mark Anaya motioned to approve subscribe. Motion second by Lewis Fisher, motion carried. A roll call vote was taken. Art Swenka would like Brenda to add this information to our next newsletter.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Bill King – yea

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – absent

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez – absent

Public Comment

Bill King commended the staff for their good work on the Stanley Cemetery. The trees are looking great. Staff reported that the dead trees were removed, systemic was sprayed on the trees, the drip irrigation is working well, and remaining on, and the cemetery has been mowed. The systemic will be given again late March.

Next Board Meeting

Brenda requested a budget committee meeting be held prior to the next board meeting. She will contact the committee for a date and time.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM via teleconference.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 10:32 AM by Bill King motion seconded by Art Swenka, motion carried. Motion second by A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Bill King – yea

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – absent

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez – absent

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer