

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

VIA TELECONFERENCE
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
October 1, 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, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Art Swenka; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, Juan Sanchez, Member and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill Williams; 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 Juan Sanchez, motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Approval of Minutes

Lewis Fisher motioned for approval of the Agenda. Motion second by, Art Swenka motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Treasurer Report

Brenda Smythe presented the Treasurer's Report. The new USBank Purchase Cards are being utilized. Motion by Bill King to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion 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 – absent

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez - yea

REPORTS

NMDA Report

Report emailed to board and Katie reported highlights. The Governor is still requiring government to meet via zoom or call in for meetings, and travel is still closed. Katie Mechenbier and NMDA appreciates the Edgewood SWCD meeting via teleconference.

Healthy Soils deadline for landowners to SWCDs was August 31, 2020 and deadline for SWCDs to submit to NMDA is October 8th. Edgewood SWCD had one applicant.

The New Mexico Soil & Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) will hold a virtual regular meeting at 9:00 AM on October 12, 2020.

Governor Lujan-Grisham has announced the new Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Members are:

Region 1: Steven Glass

Region 2: Ross Garcia Jr.

Region 3: Jennie Bierner

Region 4: Boe Lopez

Region 5: Clinton Harden

Region 6: Eddie Vigil

At Large: Cyle Sharp

NMDA's Healthy Soil Program team is pleased to announce a second year of grant funding available deadline is October 8, 2020.

NRCS Report

Report emailed to board. Kenneth Lujan reported on highlights. The Local Work Group meeting will be held on September 30th via call-in only. Meeting turned out good. Highlights: FY2020 NRCS has 2 programs, CSP and EQIP. Team 5 had more contracts in both programs, with 47 new contracts.

1.2 million dollars is allocated for Team 5. No practice caps. Kenneth will email the District the full report on the Local Work Group. EQIP Deadline not set yet but should be end of December. Kenneth encourages everyone to apply as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

CNME Billing

Tabled to next meeting.

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.

Local Work Group

The next Local Work Group meeting was held via teleconference on September 30th. 1.2 million dollars is allocated for Team 5. No practice caps. Kenneth will email the District the full report on the Local Work Group.

Rain Report

Lewis reported Stanley received .7” of rain in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Heating Quote

Budget Committee to meet before the next board meeting to review and select the company to install the new heating unit.

Annual Meeting

The board discussed holding a Virtual Annual Meeting, which could be broadcasted live on 88.7 KXNM Radio. Art and Brenda will discuss further.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM via teleconference.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 10:28 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 - yea

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer