

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
VIA TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
January 7, 2021

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by teleconference by Chairman; David King at 10:03 AM.

Board Members in Attendance Via Teleconference

David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Art Swenka; Member, Bill Williams; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer and Juan Sanchez, 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 Bill Williams, motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mark Anaya motioned for approval of the December Meeting Minutes. 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
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Mark Anaya – yea
Juan Sanchez – absent

Treasurer Report

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

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – yea

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez – absent

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. Minutes must be done 10 days following the board meeting.

Mileage and Per Diem Policy needs to be reviewed. Must be written into the Policies and Procedure.

Bond must be in place by January.

The Soil & Water Conservation Districts need to reorganize the board. We will hold a Special Board Meeting to take care of this.

Point System worksheet will remain the same.

NRCS Report

Report emailed to board. Kenneth Lujan reported on highlights. EQIP applications are due January 8th and CSP applications are due January 15th. Must complete at least one practice within the first year. Team 5 allocation is 200K less than last year, and CSP is lower as well. NRCS is still in Phase I.

Administrative/Technical Report

None

OLD BUSINESS

CNME Billing

Tabled to next meeting.

2020 Capital Outlay

The Capital Outlay for the vehicle purchase approval listed on HB345 in the amount of \$15,000 made the DFA Sales Bond and paperwork has been returned to NMDA. We hope to have the funds late January.

2019-2020 Audit

The audit complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Refinancing of NMFA Loan Resolution

The refunding of our current loan and additional funds of \$50,000 was approved by NM Finance Authority on November 19th.

- Original Loan amount - \$427,511
- Principal of refunding is \$106,196 - - New Loan amount - \$156,196
- Loan Extended by 5 years to 2030
- Net interest will be 1.57% and coverage will be at 2.33x (required is (1.30x)
- No debt service since loan is under \$250,000
- The District will achieve \$4,200 in savings over the life of the refunding
- Previous payment - \$27,794/year - \$2316.16/month
- New payment - \$17,311/year - \$1442.58/month
- \$873.58 savings per month!
- The additional funds are scheduled to be utilized for:
 - HVAC Unit for Administrative side of building (needed ASAP) \$12,000
 - Luxury Tile for the kitchen, hallway, and bathrooms \$8,000
 - Security Gate w/ keypad \$10,000
 - Resurface and restriping our parking lot \$15,000

Motion by Lewis Fisher to approve the NMFA Loan Resolution. 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

Art Swenka – yea

Bill Williams – yea

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez – absent

NACD Conference

NACD's 75th Annual Meeting will be held virtually from February 1-10, 2021. The theme of the Annual Meeting will be, "A Diamond out of the Dust." Meeting registration is \$50.00 per person. Please continue to check back at www.nacdnet.org. If you have any questions or comments about the virtual annual meeting process, please contact events@nacdn.org.

Duct Work Insulation

The duct work is not insulated, and therefore are losing at least 30% of our heating.

Motion by Art Swenka to approve the NMFA Loan Resolution. Motion second by Bill Williams motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

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

Public Records Request

The District received another Public Records Request from Judy Fry.

Next Board Meeting

A motion by Art Swenka to hold a special meeting for election of officers on Tuesday, January 19th at 8:30 AM
Motion second by Lewis Fisher. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM via teleconference.

Public Comment

Lewis Fisher reported 6.8 inches of rain for 2020 in Stanley, New Mexico.

Christina state income tax refund to HSP. Albert Lowery and Chuck Kuchka; El Sueno Ranch in White Lakes are the newest NACD Soil Champions. If the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, there will be an Open House at the site late April.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 10:38 AM by Bill Williams 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 – absent
Art Swenka – yea
Bill Williams – yea
Mark Anaya – yea
Juan Sanchez – absent

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer