

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
VIA TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
March 4, 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, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Williams; Member, Mark Anaya; Member, Juan Sanchez, Member, and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Bill King motioned for approval of the January 7, 2021 and January 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion second by, Bill Williams motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea
Lewis Fisher – absent
Bill King – yea
Bill Williams – yea
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 Lewis Fisher motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

REPORTS**NRCS Report**

Report emailed to board. Kenneth Lujan reported on highlights. EQIP applications are due April 2, 2021 (54 applications received so far. CSP applications are due March 13th. 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. Staff is in the office but closed to the public.

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.

Administrative/Technical Report

Report submitted to the board via email.

Healthy Soils Report

Christina reported on HB89 which allows the donation to tax refund to the Healthy Soils Program has one more committee to go through before heading to the Senate. The House has passed it unanimously.

New Mexico currently has 86 Soil Champions through-out the State and are pushing for 100.

Mill Levy Bill was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS**CNME Billing**

Tabled to next meeting.

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

2019-2020 Audit

The audit complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Appointed Position

The board discussed the recently open position due to the passing of Art Swenka. David King mailed and emailed a letter to the Pueblo of Isleta offering the open position as agreed in 2018, but a response has not been received. This discussion was tabled.

Appointments to Committees

EBWPC

Lewis Fisher motioned to appoint Manager, Brenda Smythe as the appointed member to the EBWPC, motion seconded by Bill King A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

East Mountain Community Garden

Lewis Fisher motioned to appoint Christina Allday-Bondy to serve on the East Mountain Community Garden as Edgewood SWCD’s Representation, motion seconded by Bill King A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Covid-19 SBA Application – 2nd Round

Brenda reported the 2nd Covid-19 SBA loan is open. An application will be submitted.

Budget Committee

Brenda will speak to the Budget Committee following this meeting to schedule a committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM via teleconference.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 10:38 AM by Bill King motion seconded by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.
Motion second by A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Bill King – yea

Bill Williams – yea

Mark Anaya – yea

Juan Sanchez – yea

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer