

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
VIA TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
June 3, 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, Mark Anaya; Member Bill Williams; Member, and Jim Frost; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Juan Sanchez; Member and Christina Allday-Bondy; Associate Member

Others Present Via Teleconference

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District 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 Bill Williams, motion carried. 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 – absent
Jim Frost - yea

Approval of Minutes

Bill King motioned for approval of the May 6, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes. Motion second by Lewis Fisher motion carried. 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 – absent
Jim Frost - yea

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2020 Audit

Motion by Bill Williams to enter Executive Session to discuss the 2020 audit findings. Motion seconded by Lewis Fisher; motion carried. 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 – absent
Jim Frost - yea

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Lewis Fisher, second by Mark Anaya, motion carried. 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 – absent
Jim Frost - 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 district's oversight bookkeeping firm to insure a good audit next fiscal year.

Staff will secure a new auditor for next fiscal year before the deadline.

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 Bill Williams motion carried. 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 – absent
Jim Frost - yea

REPORTS

NRCS Report

Report emailed to board. Kenneth Lujan reported on highlights.

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.

Administrative/Technical Report

Brenda reviewed the Admin/Tech Report with the board.

Healthy Soils Report

Christina reported the passage of HB89 which allows the donation of tax refund to the Healthy Soils Program. New Mexico currently has 86 Soil Champions through-out the State and are pushing for 100.

NMCCD

David reported that all meetings held, although not many, by the NM Coalition of Conservation Districts are being held virtually due to the pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Set-Up

Tabled

2021-2022 Cost Share Program

The 2021-2022 Cost-Share Program was approved during the May meeting and will provide \$50,000 in cost-share assistance at \$4500 per applicant. 10 Applications were received and approved.

Sale of Tractor and Seeder

Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2022 Budget & Resolution

The 2021-2022 Final Budget was discussed and was recommended by the Budget Committee for approval. Bill King motioned for approval of the Final Budget. Motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried. 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 – absent

Jim Frost - yea

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 10:00 AM via teleconference.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 12:20 AM by Bill King motion seconded by Bill Williams, 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 – absent

Jim Frost - yea

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer