

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair; David King at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in Attendance In Person & Via Teleconference

David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Anaya; Member, Juan Sanchez; Member and Bill Williams; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Jim Frost; Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Ian Dolly; State Land Office and Kyle Sahd; BLM

Approval of Agenda

Bill King motioned for approval of the agenda. Motion second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The September board meeting minutes were reviewed. Bill King motioned to approve the minutes. Motion second by Lewis Fisher, motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Bill Williams motioned for approval Treasurer's Report. Motion second Lewis Fisher, motion carried.

GUEST

Kyle Sahd; BLM Wildland Fire Management Specialist spoke to the board regarding an 80-acre thinning project near San Pedro. Following discussion, Bill King motioned to approve Edgewood SWCD to be the fiscal agent for this project. Motion seconded by Bill Williams; motion carried. An administrative fee will be paid to Edgewood SWCD by BLM for this project.

REPORTS

Administrative/Technical Report

Brenda Smythe presented the Administrative and Technical Staff Report. NM DOT will hold a new Public Pesticide Applicators' Training session at the Edgewood SWCD Office in November or December. Juan Sanchez motioned to sponsor the event with coffee, donuts, and lunch for this event. Motion second by Bill Williams, motion carried.

NMDA Report

NMDA Report was reviewed.

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan reported on the activities of the Estancia Field Office.

State Land Office

Ian Dolly; State Land Office; Moriarty spoke to the board regarding current activities in this area.

OLD BUSINESS

South Mountain Gate

Attorney Ed Hollington and David King toured South Mountain. The attorney's office is looking at all deeds etc. and preparing for lawsuit.

2020-2021 Audit

The 2021-2022 Audit is complete and exit conference will be held soon.

Local Work Group Meeting

The Local Work Group meeting was held on September 27th at 10:00 AM via Zoom. Discussion regarding the lack of small acreage landowners receiving financial assistance from NRCS was discussed. Letters will be constructed in cooperation with Claunch-Pinto SWCD to send to NRCS regarding this issue, along with adding terracing to the cost-docket on range land. A petition has been started by a landowner in Manzano. Following discussion, Edgewood SWCD will also have this petition available for landowners within our district boundaries to sign as well.

Juan Sanchez stated that he would assist in taking this issue forward to the national office.

New Holland Tractor and Great Plains No-Till Drill Sale

The Guadalupe SWCD purchased the Edgewood SWCD's tractor and no-till drill for \$32,500

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session - Personnel

Bill King motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion second by Mark Anaya. 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
Jim Frost – absent

Bill King motioned to exit Executive Session. Motion second by Lewis Fisher. 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
Jim Frost – absent

Personnel pay increase was discussed during the executive session. Bill King motioned to approve a 3% raise for all staff, along with a 5% one-time bonus. Motion seconded by Juan Sanchez; motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 10:30 AM by Lewis Fisher motion seconded by Jim Frost, motion carried.

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer