Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 2022 Via Teleconference Only

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair; David King at 10:02 AM.

Board Members in Attendance In Person & Via Teleconference

David King; Chair, Lewis Fisher; Vice-Chair, Juan Sanchez; Member, and Jim Frost; Member

Board Members Absent & Excused

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Anaya; Member, and Bill Williams; Member

Others Present

Brenda Smythe; District Manager, Kelly Smith; District Technician, Kenneith Lujan; NRCS Estancia Field Office, and Ian Dolly; State Land Office

Approval of Agenda

Lewis Fisher motioned for approval of the agenda. Motion second by Jim Frost, motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King – yea

Lewis Fisher – yea

Bill King - absent

Bill Williams – absent

Mark Anaya – absent

Juan Sanchez – yea

Jim Frost – yea

Approval of Minutes

The October board meeting minutes were reviewed. Lewis Fisher motioned for approval of the minutes. Motion second by Jim Frost, motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

David King - yea

Lewis Fisher - yea

Bill King – absent

Bill Williams – absent

Mark Anaya – absent

Juan Sanchez – yea

Jim Frost – yea

Treasurer Report

Jim Frost motioned for approval Treasurer's Report. Motion second Juan Sanchez, motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Jim Frost – yea

REPORTS

Administrative/Technical Report

Brenda Smythe presented the Administrative and Technical Staff Report.

NMDA Report

NMDA Report was reviewed.

NRCS Report

Kenneth Lujan reported on the activities of the Estancia Field Office. Deadlines for all programs is November 18th. NRCS looks to get a major increase in funding in the next few years.

State Land Office

Ian Dolly; State Land Office; Moriarty spoke to the board regarding current activities in this area. New leases for wind generation in Torrance County. A public meeting will be held soon in Estancia; but that date has not been set as of today. Ian will let the board know when that is set. The Land Commissioner was re-elected.

Precipitation Report

Lewis Fisher reported that Stanley received 2.02 inches of rain in October.

OLD BUSINESS

South Mountain Gate

Attorney Ed Hollington is looking at all deeds etc. and preparing for lawsuit.

2020-2021 Audit

The 2021-2022 Audit exit conference was held on October 20th and the final report has already been approved and released by NM Office of the State Auditor. However, the 5 days for public view will not be until Monday, November 17th therefore we cannot discuss findings today.

BLM Thinning Project

The BLM project has begun. The funding has been transferred to our bank account. Awaiting the administrative fees, which should be in place by next month.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

David spoke to the board regarding more funding that may be available in New Mexico for the District to apply for; therefore, he would like staff to watch for any available funding.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion for meeting adjournment at 10:27 AM by Lewis Fisher motion seconded by Jim Frost, motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer