

# Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District

## Board Meeting Minutes

### May 2, 2024

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Board Members in Attendance**

David King; Chair, Juan Sanchez; Member, Jim Frost; Member, Robert Coburn; Member, Wendy Lossing; Member, and Danielle Johnston; Associate Member

#### **Board Members Absent**

Bill King; Secretary/Treasurer and Bill Williams; Member

#### **Others Present**

Brenda Smythe; District Manager and Felicia Speranske; NRCS

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Robert Coburn motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Response to Petition regarding water removal from Estancia Basin following District Name Change. Motion seconded by Wendy Lossing; motion carried as amended.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The April board meeting minutes were reviewed. Jim Frost motioned to accept the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Robert Coburn, motion carried.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Wendy Lossing motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Motion second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

Staff and the Education & Outreach Committee will work on Legacy Funding and a Soil & Water Conservation Commission Grant for funding. The types of Education/Outreach will be determined then.

## **REPORTS**

#### **Administrative/Technical Report**

Brenda Smythe presented the Administrative and Technical Staff Report.

#### **NRCS Report**

Felicia reviewed the NRCS Report. 13 EQIP and 2 CSP applications have been approved. Seven of the thirteen applications are within the Edgewood SWCD boundaries, five rangeland, one cropland, and one forest land.

#### **NMDA Report**

Brenda reviewed the NMDA Report.

#### **EBWH&R**

Brenda Smythe reported that projects are underway.

## **EBRA**

Bill King was placed on this committee, but he was told that the SWCD's do not have a committee position.

## **MRGOG (Water Resources Board)**

Juan Sanchez was unable to attend. Wendy Lossing attended virtually, however nothing to report at this time.

## **East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness**

Robert Coburn has nothing to report.

## **State Land Office**

No Report

## **NMSU – SF County Extension**

Brenda reported that the contract is being worked on in Santa Fe for rental of the office space. This should be completed in the next few months.

## **USFS Report**

No Report.

## **Precipitation Report**

No Report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **District Name Change**

The Education & Outreach Committee comprised of Danielle Johnston, Robert Coburn, Wendy Lossing, Brenda Smythe, Kelly Smith, and Karlyn Bates, met on March 28th to discuss the district's name change and determine a good course of action for community outreach. The name change from Edgewood SWCD to Central Tri-County SWCD Resolution has been submitted to the NM Soil & Water Conservation Commission. A request was made to the Commission for a special meeting, however, was denied. The next Commission meeting will be held sometime in June. Once Brenda receives the date, she will post for a special meeting of the Edgewood SWCD so that we can all attend the virtual Commission Meeting. Following discussion, David would like Brenda to reach out to Debbie Hughes, NMACD Executive Director to request she assist us with this request during the Commission Meeting.

### **Response to Petition of Water being sold out of the Estancia Basin**

The District received information and a petition to sign against the moving of water out of the valley by Bill King Ranch. Although the Edgewood SWCD has maintained the position that all water should stay in the valley; this board is not regulatory. If further calls are received, they are to be given the phone number for the Office of the State Engineer. Robert Coburn will continue to work on a statement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Youth Ranch Mgmt. Camp Request**

The District received a request from Moriarty High School Junior, James Gabaldon for the Youth Ranch Management Camp registration payment. Following discussion, Juan Sanchez motioned to pay the registration, motion seconded by Wendy Lossing, motion carried.

### **2024-2025 Preliminary Budget**

The 2024-2025 Preliminary was reviewed. Motion made by Robert Coburn to approve the Preliminary Budget Resolution. Motion second by Juan Sanchez, motion carried. Roll Call Vote as follows:

David King, Chair	yea
Juan Sanchez, Vice-Chair	yea
Bill King, Sec./Treasurer	absent
Bill Williams, Member	absent
Robert Coburn, Member	yea
Jim Frost, Member	yea
Wendy Lossing, Member	yea

District Manager, Brenda Smythe notarized the resolution. It will be sent to NMDA and the Soil & Water Conservation Commission as well as DFA.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held on May 2, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

### **Adjournment**

Motion for meeting adjournment at 11.25 AM by Juan Sanchez, motion seconded by Jim Frost, motion carried.

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Bill King, Secretary/Treasurer