

# 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Held at the Torrance County Fair Grounds Building, Estancia, N.M.

Committee//Group: **EAST TORRANCE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION**  
Date: **November 5th, 2008**  
Chairman Present: **Jim Berlier**  
Members Present /Titles **Ryan Schwebach** – Vice Chair, **Fronia Jaramillo**- member, **Arthur Swenka**- member, **Michael Stogner**- member,  
**Roy Todd**- NMDA, **Estevan Jaramillo**- Landowner  
Others & Guests: **Cheri Lujan**-District Manager  
 (Annual Meeting sign in sheet contained 94 signatures)  
Absent Members: **Belinda Garland** –Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne **Metzger**-member

Topic (Agenda Item) & Summary of Discussion	Follow Up Action/Discussion	Responsible Party	Status (Open/Closed)
Annual Meeting Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 09:35 AM Welcome & Introductions	<b>Jim Berlier</b>	
Pledge of Allegiance		<b>Fronia Jaramillo</b>	
Door Prizes		<b>Ryan Schwebach</b>	
Guest Speaker	.	<b>Jim Brooks</b> Jim Brooks gave a power point presentation on Composting and Water Harvesting methods. Following presentation questions were taken from the group.	
Annual Report		<b>Arthur Swenka</b> A power point presentation was given to the group giving an overview of 2007-2008 annual report	
NRCS Field Office Report		<b>Brad Podoll</b> A power point presentation was given to the group giving an overview of NRCS 2007-2008 contracts and services for the cooperators and for the Districts.	
Guest Speaker		<b>Roxanne Turley / Arlene Perea</b> A power point presentation was given on Travel Management rule and what the requirements are. Public information was given on timeline and a sign up sheet was available for individuals to sign up if they wanted to be a part of the process	

	moving forward on the rule.	
ETSWCD Awards/ Region II Awards recognition / Memorial Certificates recognition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ryan Schwebach, Fronia Jaramillo</b></p> <p>East Torrance SWCD awards were given out to the following: Outstanding Land Stewardship award: Estancia Jimmy McMath, Professional Public Service Award: Don Ashby, ETSWCD Supervisor Award: Belinda Garland, ETSWCD Friend of Conservation Award: Torrance County Road Department and Region III Department of Transportation. Recognitions of certificates of support were given out to Akin Farms, Thomas Farms, Jim and Peggy Schwebach, Dean Schwebach, Torrance County Fair Board, and Charlie's Sporting Goods. Awards announced out from the Region II meeting for the Outstanding Soil Stewardship award, Outstanding Conservationist and Region II District award were recognized. These awards were given to the Ryan Schwebach, Schwebach Farms LLC, Arlene Perea, and East Torrance SWCD</p>	
Door Prizes / Invocation	<b>Jim Berlier</b>	
Lunch		
Guest Speaker	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Arthur Swenka</b></p> <p>Mr Swenka gave a PowerPoint presentation with pictures for discussion on how a landowner can use water harvesting and solar panels on their land.</p>	
Guest Speaker	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dennis Garcia / State Land Office</b></p> <p>Mr. Garcia gave a PowerPoint presentation to the group about what the State Land Office does and what steps need to be taken on contracts on state land. Following presentation questions were taken from the group.</p>	
Guest Speaker	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Leon Porter, SW Wind Dynamics, Inc.</b></p> <p>Mr. Porter talked to the group from a landowner perspective on how to handle contracts for wind farms and followed up discussion with carbon credits. Following questions were taken from the group.</p>	
Guest Speaker	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Don Fitzner</b></p> <p>Mr. Firzner gave a power point presentation on his CIG grant awarded by NRCS to the group. After his presentation he answered questions.</p>	
Guest Speaker	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pat Lincoln / Torrance County Project Office</b></p> <p>Ms. Lincoln gave a power point presentation on the up coming radio station for Torrance County. More information will be available at a latter date. The Public Radio Station will be FM KXM 88.7. Questions and answers were taken.</p>	
Door Prizes	<b>Michael Stogner</b>	
Closing Remarks	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jim Berlier</b></p> <p>Jim Berlier thanked everyone for attending this year's annual meeting, and invited</p>	

	all to come back at 6:30 PM for the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee Public meeting.	
Business Meeting Call to Order	<b>Jim Berlier</b> Meeting was called to order at 3: 42 PM.	Standing Agenda Item
Approval of Agenda	<b>Jim Berlier</b> It was moved by Ryan Schwebach to accept agenda as presented with the removal of NRCS report. Motion second by Fronia Jaramillo, motion carried unanimously.	Standing Agenda Item
Approval of minutes of 10/08/2008 & 10/22/08	<b>Jim Berlier</b> Minutes of the October Meetings were reviewed. Motion by Arthur Swenka to accept the October minutes and second by Ryan Schwebach, motion carried unanimously.	Standing Agenda Item
Financial Report	<b>Cheri Lujan</b> Motion made by Fronia Jaramillo and seconded by Ryan Schwebach to table action item due to no bank statement being received yet for the month. Motion carried unanimously.	Standing Agenda Item
Annual Work Plan	<b>Cheri Lujan</b> Reviewed annual work plan. Will be up-dated monthly.	
Correspondence	<b>Cheri Lujan</b> Correspondence to the board was reviewed: <b><u>NM Environment Department:</u></b> Surface Water Quality Bureau Seeks Public Input for Triennial Review of Water Quality standards. Copy was given out for review. <b><u>Forestry Notes:</u></b> articles included: a sustainable partnership, USDA holds hearing on Farm Bill Energy Title, Conference: wood a viable option as sustainable energy source. <b><u>NMACD Region II Meeting:</u></b> minutes received from last Region II meeting (given out for review), <b><u>River Source:</u></b> Letter from New Mexico Riparian Council asking for sponsorship (given out for review).	
Guests	Jim Berlier thanked guests for attending.	
Reports of Standing Committees	<b>Arthur Swenka – WTB Steering Committee</b> Mr. Swenka was unable to attend the last meeting. Cheri Lujan apologized for not bringing her notes but she was at the last meeting. Next meeting will be at the Edgewood SWCD office on November 24, 2008. <b>Educational Building - Marty Hibbs</b> Marty Hibbs was unable to attend the meeting. Cheri Lujan updated the board on the progress of the building plans. <b>Ryan Schwebach – Water Planning Committee</b>	

	Ryan Schwebach updated the board first of the three public meetings starts tonight at 6:30 P.M.  <b>Jim Berlier – CNCWMA / Chairman Report-</b> Mr. Berlier updated the board on the NMACD annual meeting and Region Resolutions voted upon.	
District Managers Report	<b>Cheri Lujan</b> Cheri Lujan reviewed report. Next month meeting action item for discussion on projects to be submitted to HUB RC&D were discussed. Meetings attended and planning to be attended were reviewed.	Standing Agenda Item
Soil & Water Specialist Report	<b>Roy Todd</b> Roy Todd will be the NMDA representative from now on for East Torrance SWCD. Reviewed NMDA report with board. Items covered by discussion on #2, 3,4 and Risk Management coverage and along with the letter from Dusty Hunt on Audits.	Standing Agenda Item
Unfinished Business	<b>Update Employee’s Job Performance Plan</b> Ryan Schwebach moved to table agenda item. Arthur Swenka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Closed
New Business	<b>Open Meeting Act Resolution</b> Open meeting Resolution for 1/1/09 – 12/31/09 was reviewed. No changes to the resolution were made. After review and discussion it was moved by Ryan Schwebach and seconded by Arthur Swenka to approve the Open Meetings Resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ryan Schwebach – yea, Arthur Swenka – yea, Belinda Garland- absent, Wayne Metzger – absent, Fronia Jaramillo – yea, Michael Stonger – yea, Jim Berlier – yea.	
Announcements / Open Floor	<b>Arthur Swenka-</b> Meeting on the race track will be on 10/6/08 in Moriarty at the Civic Center at 10:00 A.M.	
Next Board Meeting/ Adjournment	<b>Jim Berlier</b> <b>December 10, 2008 @ 3:00 PM</b> With no further business to discuss it was moved by Fronia Jaramillo and seconded by Arthur Swenka for adjournment at 4:13 PM. Motion carried	

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheri Lujan, District Manager

Reviewed and approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_