

MEETING MINUTES

Committee//Group: EAST TORRANCE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Date: February 11, 2009
Chairman Present: Jim Berlier
Members Present /Titles Ryan Schwebach – Vice-Chair, Arthur Swenka – member, Fronia Jaramillo – member, Wayne Metzger– member Others & Guests: Cheri Lujan – District Manger, Brad Podoll – NRCS, Kenneth Lujan – NRCS, Lisa Dennisson – NMACD
 Johnny Perea – FSA, Roy Todd – NMDA
Absent: Belinda Garland – Secretary / Treasurer, Michael Stogner – Member

Topic (Agenda Item) & Summary of Discussion	Follow Up Action/Discussion	Responsible Party	Status (Open/Closed)
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M	Jim Berlier	Standing Agenda Item
Approval of Agenda	It was moved by Fronia Jaramillo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Schwebach. Motion carried unanimously.	Jim Berlier	Standing Agenda Item Action taken
Approval of minutes 01/14/09 minutes	Minutes of the January regular meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Art Swenka to accept the January 14, 2009 meeting minutes as presented, motion was second by Wayne Metzger, motion carried unanimously.	Jim Berlier	Standing Agenda Item Action taken
Treasurer's Report	Cheri Lujan submitted the financial report for review. Following review, and discussion of the financial report it was moved by Arthur Swenka and second by Ryan Schwebach to approve the bills submitted and paid, and file financial report for audit. Motion carried unanimously.	Cheri Lujan	Standing Agenda Item Action taken
Annual Work Plan	Reviewed the 08-09 annual work plan. Plan will be up-dated and reviewed monthly.	Cheri Lujan	Standing Agenda Item No Action taken
Correspondence	Correspondence to the board was reviewed: <u>Dusty Hunt, SWCC:</u> Announcing the requirements for Soil and Water Conservation Commission Water Quality and conservation Grant Program. April 24, 2009 is the deadline for requests. <u>Forestry Notes :-</u> Newsletter <u>New Mexico State University:</u> Kids Kows and More program brochure for May 4, 2009, <u>The New Mexico Association of Grant makers:</u> List of Philanthropy in NM, <u>USDA:</u> Information and maps concerning the Mountainair Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest special funding from the Forest Service Washington office to analyze and implement post-fire rehabilitation projects. <u>E-mail from NMDA:</u> Flyer and info on interested groups and organizations to access net conference from NRCS on NRCS programs available.	Cheri Lujan	Standing Agenda Item No Action taken

Guests	<p style="text-align: center;">Jim Berlier</p> <p>Jim Berlier thanked guests for their attendance.</p>	
Reports of Standing Committees	<p style="text-align: center;">Watershed Health, Restoration Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arthur Swenka</p> <p>Arthur Swenka updated the board on funding year contracts and deadlines. Discussion followed on grant money available from State Forestry. Committee will be submitting a group project but each District should be putting individual project grants in also. Reviewed specification rule changes made at the last meeting and discussed flagging of projects. History of why the board decided not to flag project during planning was discussed and was noted that projects are GPS'd at the end of the project completion. Art gave a brief overview for new staff of the purpose of the steering committee and projects completed. Discussion followed with the loan component. Art will follow up with the asking of the loan / grant waiver for new grants submitted. Arthur Swenka moved to have someone be present at the end of the contract process between Claunch-Pinto SWCD and landowners with the closeout of the checks. Following discussion Cheri Lujan will contact board members or staff if she will be unable to attend to assure that ETSWCD will have a presence. Motion seconded by Ryan Schwebach. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Educational Building Committee</p> <p>Cheri Lujan updated the board on funding on the project and progress completed. Sheetrock is being installed and electric wiring for the fire alarm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Water Planning Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ryan Schwebach</p> <p>Ryan Schwebach updated the board due to conflicts for members a quorum has not been meet for the past two months but he sees no problem of being on track for ISC on finishing the plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jim Berlier</p> <p>Chairman updated board on the National NACD meeting in New Orleans. New Mexico was well represented with recognition given with two awards to Upper Hondo and Otero SWCD's. A presentation was made by Dennis Alexander and Debbie Hughes on New Mexico's TSP program. Jim Berlier also updated the board on NM Legislative session on what bills were submitted and being followed closely. Discussion followed with CNMWMA items. Letter was submitted by the State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands in support and allowing Mr.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Standing Agenda Item Action taken</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing Agenda Item No Action taken</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing Agenda Item No action taken</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing Agenda Item No Action taken</p>

	Tom Perkins to continue to serve as the weed coordinator. Discussion followed with concerns by surrounding Districts that money is an issue to keep a paid coordinator. Due to scheduling conflicts Jim Berlier will be unable to attend the meeting set for February 12, 2009 so Art Swenka volunteered to attend the meeting.	
District Manger Report	<p style="text-align: center;">Cheri Lujan</p> <p>Cheri Lujan reviewed written report with the board. Deadlines, Meetings, trainings, and planned meetings, trainings were submitted on report for review. See attached report for more detailed information on district manager's monthly report.</p>	Standing Agenda Item Action taken
NRCS Field Office Report	<p style="text-align: center;">Brad Podoll</p> <p>Brad Podoll reviewed new timeline for 2009 EQIP deadlines. All applications will follow the new 2008 farm bill. The office is expecting about a dozen more applications to come in from the last batch received at around 30. Training for NRCS is set tentative for March 16 and 17, 2009. Reviews of potential sign ups in the area were reviewed on CRP, WHIP, GRP, FRPP programs. Brad mentioned outdated Long Range Plan for the District. Roy Todd from NMDA offered his services for April meeting in helping the board in pulling together action plans. Copy machine use for the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee was discussed. Brad Podoll mentioned that he had spoke to Hollis Fuchs who had spoke with personnel at the State office and noted that this was a grey area of use. It was noted that East Tarrant SWCD is one of the sponsors for the group. Although FSA has the lease on the copier Johnny Perea did note that he can not approve use of copies unless it is approved by NRCS first. Brad Podoll noted use of large amount of copies that they are required to go out for other service. After Discussion Ryan Schwebach asked Cheri Lujan to make sure to add this item to the next Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee's agenda for discussion. Staff meetings were discussed; next staff meeting is scheduled for February 17 due to the Holiday on the 16th. Cheri Lujan noted that Catherine Long has the day off, and she would be in Santa Fe but would call in. Ryan Schwebach was unsure of the date and Arthur Swenka noted he would attend.</p>	Standing Agenda Item
NMDA Report	<p style="text-align: center;">Roy Todd</p> <p>Roy Todd reviewed written report submitted. Items discussed were meetings and training scheduled, grants, Request for proposal released for Agricultural water enhancement program from NRCS. Roy Todd also passed out a paper on Natural Resource Defense councils petition to revoke all tolerances and cancel all regulations for the pesticide on 2, 4D. Roy Todd noted that the turn out in Santa Fe for the Water Tax Credit was over whelming.</p>	Standing Agenda Item

Reviewed and approved by:
