



ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2009

Members Present: Ryan Schwebach- *Chairman, East Torrance SWCD Rep* H.L. (Bud) Hagerman-*Santa Fe, Ag. Position*
Daniel McGregor- *Bernalillo Gov. Position* Leo Smith – *Edgewood SWCD*
John L. Jones *Secretary / Treasurer, Bern. County, Municipal/ Developer/ Utility Pos*

Members Absent: Randy Autrey- *Vice-Chair Torrance County Ag. Position* Douglas M. Sayre- *SF County Gov. Position*
Tom Spindle- *SF, Municipal/ Developer/ Utility Pos* Rita-Loy Simmons- *At-Large Position*
Gene Winn – *Torrance County Gov. Position* J. Brian Greene- *Claunch-Pinto SWCD*
David Tixier – *TC, Municipal/ Developer/ Utility Pos* Vacant Position- *Torrance County Ag Position*

Staff Present: Cheri Lujan – *Recorder*

Staff Absent:

Others/ Guests: David Chace, -*Hydro Resolution* Arthur Swenka, -*EBRA*
Ashley Bergen, -*Mountain View Telegraph* Michael Schuhen, -*Sandia National Labs*
Joe Quintana, -*MRCOG* Venessa Gutierrez, -*Torrance County Commission*

Call to Order:

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman called the regular Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:21 am. Due to no quorum present the meeting will continue as a sub committee.

Financial Report:

Written report was submitted for review. Discussion followed with having a list of purchases made for the public meetings to keep up with inventory on hand. Cheri Lujan will bring the inventory list to the next regular meeting. After discussion on bills paid or submitted motion made by Bud Hagerman to approve written report, seconded by Leo Smith to file report for audit. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Dan McGregor noted that the State Water Plan update public meeting for the Estancia Basin will be Thursday, April 23rd starting at 6:30 PM.. He expressed the need to have as many committee members there as possible. Ryan Schwebach noted e-mail correspondence in committee member's packets from Johnny Perea that current acreage under irrigation in the Estancia Basin is about 26,540 acres. This figure is about 95% accurate. Discussion continued with information from the State Conservationist in Wisconsin in talking with Mr. Schwebach on no till farming techniques. Continued discussion on how the committee could help the Ag communities on new irrigated farming techniques that may be applied in the Basin. Cost share program for a grant was

discussed on having some pilot projects in trying the no till techniques was discussed. Discussions followed with water allotments in conserving water.

9:55 a.m. John L. Jones joined committee meeting discussion followed if a quorum was present. With no quorum still present meeting continued as a committee.

Financial Report:

Motion made by Dan McGregor to approve the recommendation to approve written financial report to file for audit by sub committee, seconded by Bud Hagerman. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2/19/09 Committee Minutes:

Motion made by Dan McGregor to approval the February 19, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Leo Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Dan McGregor to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion seconded by Leo Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests:

Ryan Schwebach thanked and acknowledged all guests attending the meeting.

Reports

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman's Report:

Not as this time.

Arthur Swenka / Watershed Health and Restoration Report:

Arthur Swenka updated the committee that the three SWCD's have submitted a 2009 application with the Water Trust Board and should hear something back by May 21, 2009. The 1st quarter monitoring report is on the web page and the committee has renewed SWCA contract to continue the monitoring. The SWCD's also have put in for a grant with State Forestry for more funding with a 90/10 match.

Additional Reports/ Meetings Attended / Committee Schedule and Priorities:

Dan McGregor updated the committee that he and John L. Jones have been going to the Regional Water Planning Council meetings and noted again the Region #13 - Estancia Basin State Water Plan update public Meeting will be Thursday, April 23rd in Moriarty at the Civic Center starting at 6:30 pm.

New Business:

None noted

Unfinished Business:

Vacant Position:

No inquires were received of interest parties in filling the vacant position. Cheri Lujan has verbally noticed the Torrance County Manager but will follow up in writing to Torrance County of the vacant slot and that the committee is actively seeking to fill the position on the committee.

Outline Priorities for 2009-2015

Dan McGregor discussed on comments received from ISC on how the plan was unclear on where the committee priorities were. Discussion followed on needing to have at least three set priorities for the next five years. Following discussion three priorities noted were the following along with on going priorities which fit into the three:

- 1) What can the committee do to help promote the agriculture committee and irrigated farmers in new farming techniques to help change the pump till you drop mind set, such as green house base, or a no till usage. Projects for SWCD's in the plan to help get funding.
- 2) Regional Water System – discussion followed with pro and cons of the plan
- 3) Local ordinance / regulations – the need to find out who has what and then make recommendations

Discussion followed with how education is a high priority but each priority should have an educational component to it as an on going priority. Discussion followed with how the committee will measure success in the future.

Discussion followed on the EMW Gas Regional Water System. Cheri Lujan will contact the President, Mr. Washington of EMW Gas to see if he could arrange to come and give the committee an update.

EBWPC Update Annotated Outline

Dan McGregor will update the outline but is waiting to review the MRCOG study and members priorities list. Discussion followed with having the MRCOG study advertized as being received and would open up for a 30 day comment period for impute on suggestions on how it should be used for the update. SWCD's have a representative on the committee along with each county; representatives are to take the study back to their boards, committees for review. Cheri Lujan will get a copy of the report to EVDA and to the municipalities and place an ad for the general public to request a copy for review. May 20, 2009 will be the cut off date for suggestions being received by Dan McGregor. Dan McGregor also noted that a thank you note should be sent to MRCOG for all their contributions and efforts on working on the study for the committee.

Draft Water Plan Update:

Once all suggestions are in from the MRCOG study and priorities are in. Dan McGregor will prepare a final Draft for committee members for review.

Action Items Update:

Action items were not reviewed. Action items updated.

Name of Person	Action Item	Completion Date
Dan McGregor/ Doug Sayre	Draft letter for OSE ref updating data base	<i>Once plan is updated item will be addressed</i>
EBWPC Members / Dan McGregor	discussed on 4/16 will be updated and incorporated in the plan	<i>June 2009</i>
Cheri Lujan	Presentation by EMW Gas on update on Regional Water System	
Cheri Lujan	Send letter to Torrance County ref: vacant position	
Cheri Lujan	Send letter to MRCOG	
Cheri Lujan	Advertize open comment / suggestions on MRGOC study – sent study to municipalities, EVDA, get a hold of David Tixier	<i>April 30</i>
Doug Sayre	Attend meeting and bring donuts	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>

Announcements / Discussion only items:

Michael Schuhen updated the committee on current wells being monitored within the Basin and discussed on some comparison wells that may be in the geographic area of the basin but not feeding into the basin

Next Meeting:

Regular Committee Meeting, May 21, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss motion made by Dan McGregor and seconded by John L. Jones to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting dismissed at 11:24 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Lujan*

Reviewed and approved by:

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman

John L. Jones, Secretary

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Santa Fe County

Bernalillo County

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