

**Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
May 25, 2006**

Call to Order: The Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee (EBWPC) regular meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Rik Thompson, Chairman

The members present discussed not meeting since they did not have a quorum. They decided to meet as a committee and have all actions ratified by the full Board at the next meeting to be held on June 8, 2006.

Committee Members Present:

Rik Thompson
Bud Hagerman
Doug Sayre

Ryan Schwebach
Brian Greene
Bud Hagerman

Staff:

Guests Present:

Melissa Kayser, Claunch-Pinto SWCD
Bryan Swain, NMSU-WERC
Art Swenka, Chairman Estancia Basin Resource Association
Joseph Quintana, MRCOG
Nat Holzer

Approval of Agenda:

- The committee reviewed the agenda. Bud Hagerman moved to change the presentation by Brian Swain on “Project Wet” to earlier on the agenda after the approval of the minutes. Brian Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brian Greene moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bud Hagerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval/Amend Minutes:

- Brian Greene moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ryan Schwebach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation by Brian Swain – “Project Wet”

- Brian Swain from NMSU – College of Engineering and an organization called WERC gave a presentation on “Project Wet”. WERC is a consortium for environmental education and technology development. WERC is a partnership that leverages environmental expertise from throughout New Mexico which includes New Mexico State University, University of New Mexico, New Mexico Institute of Mining

and Technology, Diné College, Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory. He talked about the many environmental areas WERC is working on technology development. He talked about the environmental design contests WERC has for college and high school students. This is an excellent networking opportunity for students. WERC provides water activities and education for community activities and public schools. He explained about the Summer Environmental Academy that Bud Hagerman is helping him promote in the high schools in the basin. The Academy takes students and teachers (primarily high school teachers and junior and senior students) to provide opportunities for them to conduct education investigations focused on how local environmental issues are linked to social and economic changes. The program is free and participant lodging and meals are provided. Teachers receive a training allowance and classroom-ready curricula. The "Project Wet" program is an international program. The program does not have an organizational slant, so the program can be used by the Science, Math, Social Studies or English teachers in the K-12 programs. Several communities around the state use this project for activities within their areas by conducting sessions or workshops on "Project Wet". Discussion followed. The Committee decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

Financial Report:

- Rik Thompson reported the EBWPC has \$22,660.30 at this time. Rik Thompson reported he is working on a letter to Santa Fe County for funding for the FY2007 Fiscal Year. The Committee discussed the funding from the Interstate Streams Commission and DFA. Rik Thompson reported if this money can not be extended through next year all the money in our budget would need to be spent before June 30, 2006. The Committee discussed purchasing monitoring equipment for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts if they can not get an extension on this money. Bud Hagerman suggested spending the education budget on education information from WERC. Brian Greene suggested purchasing data loggers. Art Swenka suggested Moriarty and Estancia would need Jim Corbin to review their 40 year water plans. Rik Thompson suggested both towns needed to get proposals into the EBWPC. Doug Sayre suggested getting water samples from several different test wells to look at the drinking water in the basin. Brian Greene will check with a consultant from UNM who has a water banking simulation game, to see what kind of information we could get on water banking in this area. Discussion followed. Brian Greene moved to transfer the \$1,000 budgeted for Cloud Seeding to Education. Ryan Schwebach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Committee will ask the Soil and Water Conservation Districts for a wish list. Brian Greene moved to allow the Chairman to decide where the \$3,000 set aside for contingencies in the budget is spent. Doug Sayre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Chairman's Report:

- Rik Thompson had met with Estevan Lopez, ISC Engineer. He briefed him on what the Committee was doing. One of Mr. Lopez' concerns are the people in the Estancia Valley need to understand the water in New Mexico belongs to

everyone in New Mexico. Rik Thompson will be meeting with the State Engineer within the next week to discuss the EBWPC.

Executive Director Report:

- Since Jim Corbin was not present, Rik Thompson asked all of the sub-committees to get their reports to him either in hard copy or by email. Jim Corbin will have a draft report ready for the Committee to review at the next meeting on June 8, 2006.

Unfinished Business:

Funding:

Sub-Committee Reports:

Public Review: The Committee will get copies of the draft report for review. The Committee will complete the first review. Members of EBRA can be asked to review the report.

Economic Data Update: The sub-committee reported there was no new data.

Education Effort/Public Meeting Committee: Public meetings could be set up before the holidays in Edgewood, Estancia and Moriarty. A presentation will be made to EBRA.

Water Banking: Brian Greene will make a call to try to get a consultant on Water Banking.

Technical and Drafting:

Review of Contracts: The Committee discussed potential contracts for technical services and administrative services. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Monitoring Station – Bernalillo County: Dan McGregor was not able to attend this meeting – no report.

ACTION ITEMS:

Report from Brian Greene on Water Banking
Report from Bud Hagerman on possible education activities with WERC
Report from Rik Thompson on Budget
Review of draft Report due to ISC
Appointment of Ag Representative for Torrance County

New Business:

- The Committee discussed the two vacancies on the committee. Brian Greene moved to recommend Randy Autrey as an Ag Representative for Torrance County on the EBWPC to the Torrance County Commissioners. Ryan Schwebach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Committee discussed the possibility of appointing Chuck Ring as the member-at-large to the EBWPC. Jim Rea will be getting a resume or a letter from Chuck Ring for the Committee to discuss. Bill Neish was also suggested as an Ag Representative from Torrance County.

- The Committee discussed a policy for distributing draft minutes to members. Ryan Schwebach moved to have the draft minutes emailed to the Committee members 10 working days after each Committee meeting. Bud Hagerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Reports:

- Joseph Quintana, MRCOG explained to the Committee the Middle Rio Grande Water Resource Board had added a place on their Board for the EBWPC. The Committee would need to have a representative and an alternate. The Committee will discuss this at the next meeting.

Meetings Attended:

Public Comment:

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Torrance County Commission Room, Estancia, New Mexico.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ryan Schwebach moved to adjourn. Brian Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

s/ _____
Rik Thompson, Chairman

s/ _____
John L. Jones, Secretary