

**Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
June 8, 2006**

Call to Order: The Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee (EBWPC) regular meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Bud Hagerman, Vice – Chairman.

Bud Hagerman, Vice – Chairman declared a quorum was present at 9:33 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Rik Thompson
Bud Hagerman
Doug Sayre
Jim Rea

John Jones
Brian Greene
Bud Hagerman
Dan McGregor

Staff:

Jim Corbin, Corbin Consulting, Inc.
Dierdre L. Tarr, Recorder

Guests Present:

Art Swenka, Chairman Estancia Basin Resource Association
Bob Stearley, Mayor – Town of Edgewood
Chuck Ring, Edgewood Town Councilor

Approval of Agenda:

- John Jones moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dan McGregor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval/Amend Minutes:

Financial Report:

Correspondence:

- Dee reviewed an email from Brian Swain, WERC – Training Coordinator, thanking the EBWPC for allowing him to give a presentation to the Committee concerning Project Web at the May 25th meeting. Dee reviewed another email from Brian Swain concerning watershed health and Ranger Rain Drop.

- Dee reviewed a letter from Chuck Ring stating his interest in becoming a member of the EBWPC.

- Dee reviewed an email from Joseph Quintana, MRCOG explaining why he would not be attending the EBWPC meeting in June and to remind the Committee the next MRCOG Water Resources Board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2006.

- Dee reviewed a letter from Robert Stearley, Mayor of Edgewood, expressing his interest in serving as a member of the EBWPC.

Chairman's Report:

- Bud Hagerman explained since Rik Thompson, Chairman was not at the meeting, he did not have a Chairman's report. Bud explained he was expecting Rik to come into the meeting and there would be a report given at that time.

Staff Report:

Unfinished Business:

Funding: Jim Corbin reviewed the funding stream for the EBWPC. The ISC money in the amount of \$23,500 is to start a draft update of the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan. Jim Corbin explained his bill will be in the amount of \$10,000 with Dee Tarr's invoice to be in the amount of \$5,000. The balance of the money will be charged to ISC by the Committee for the work the Committee completed on the draft update. Dan McGregor moved for Jim Corbin and Dee Tarr to proceed with billing the Committee up to \$10,000 to Jim and \$5,000 for Dee for completing the scope of work on the contract between ISC and Torrance County to begin a draft update of the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan; the Committee bill for the time they have work on the draft update of the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan; appropriate documentation which would include invoices and memos be placed in the file. John Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Corbin had Dee Tarr pass out copies of the FY06 Budget for the EBWPC. Jim Corbin explained to the Committee the allocation from Rhonda King has to be spent by June 30, 2006. Jim Corbin reviewed the budget items as followed: 1) Completion of Sub-Basin Study – Not Completed: 2) the money budgeted for cloud seeding had been moved to information/education at the last meeting; 3) Water Banking – Brian Greene reported he had contacted a professor at the UNM concerning a feasibility study on water banking. The professor thought he might be able to get a draft study to the Committee before the end of the month, but the billing probably would not get completed by the 13th of June; 4) Technical Assistance – this money will be used through technical assistance to the communities in the basin; 5) Contingencies – A proposal from WechTech, Inc. to create a website for the EBWPC. Dan McGregor moved to accept WeckTech's proposal to create a website for the EBWPC. Brian Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dee had also received a proposal from the Edgewood SWCD to purchase a weather station (monitoring station) to cost \$10,000. Discussion continued on the reallocation of the money to get it spent by June 30, 2006. The Chairman appointed a sub-committee to investigate water data collection equipment. The sub-committee will be Doug Sayre, Jim Corbin, John L. Jones, Dan McGregor and Jim Rea. Brian Greene moved to purchase equipment if it is appropriate as determined by the sub-committee approved by the EBWPC Chairman, if the

Committee has not heard from the communities concerning any technical assistance to them. Jim Rea seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried with Rik Thompson abstaining since he is the decision maker.

After the Chairman declared a quorum and the Committee finished their discussions and decisions concerning funding the Committee went back to the following agenda items:

Approval/Amend Minutes:

Brian Greene moved to accept the report of the Committee from May 25, 2006. John Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Jones moved to accept the amended minutes of April 20, 2006. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brian Greene moved to approve the actions the Committee took on May 25, 2006. Dan McGregor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report:

Rik Thompson reported he had met with the State Engineer and John Romero, WRRRI. They are very interested in our valley since they hear from several people in the area. Rik gave them a Committee update and explained the Committee's proposed budget. Rik will be meeting with the State Engineer again next month.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Public Review: No Report

Economic Data Update: Jim Corbin reported the Committee had the information from EVEDA.

Plan Review: Dan McGregor gave a short report on reviewing the water plans from the adjacent regional water planners. Bud Hagerman gave a short report on the Agriculture portion of each of the regional water plan. These reports were given to Jim Corbin for his use in the Draft Regional Water Plan Update.

Education Effort/Public Meeting Committee: This was covered earlier in the meeting.

Water Banking: This was covered earlier in the meeting.

Technical and Drafting: Jim gave a report on the "draft" Draft Regional Water Plan update. Discussion followed.

Review of Contracts: Dan McGregor moved to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Brian Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monitoring Station – Bernalillo County: Dan McGregor reported Bernalillo County is working with the State Land Office. They hope to make an offer to Rita Horton within the next couple of weeks.

Final Draft of the OSE’s Proposed Domestic Well Regulations: Dan McGregor gave a short review of the regulation. Dan McGregor moved to have Jim Corbin look at the proposed domestic well regulations and write a letter mentioning the ongoing concerns of the EBWPC. Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

“Draft” Update of the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan
Report on Rhonda King’s appropriation budget

New Business:

Membership Replacement: Dan McGregor moved to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Brian Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Reports:

Meetings Attended:

Public Comment:

Dee Tarr explained she had reviewed the minutes of previous meetings and found that Jim Corbin is the EBWPC representative on the MRCOG Water Resources Board. She will let Joe Quintana from MRCOG know who the representative is.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, July 20, 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, Dan McGregor moved to adjourn. Brian Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

s/ _____
Rik Thompson, Chairman

s/ _____
John L. Jones, Secretary