

**Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
July 20, 2006**

Call to Order: The Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee (EBWPC) regular meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Rik Thompson, Chairman.

Committee Members Present:

Rik Thompson	Brian Greene
Doug Sayre	Jim Rea
Dan McGregor	Randy Autrey
Tom Spindle	Gene Winn

Staff:

Dierdre L. Tarr, Recorder

Guests Present:

Art Swenka, Chairman Estancia Basin Resource Association
Bob Stearley, Mayor – Town of Edgewood
Chuck Ring, Edgewood Town Councilor
Wayne Sleep, NRCS – Estancia Field Office

Approval of Agenda:

- Brian Greene moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jim Rea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval/Amend Minutes:

- Brian Greene moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jim Rea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Dee Tarr reported the EBWPC will have about a \$13,000 balance when all of the money comes in and all of the bills are paid.

Correspondence:

- There was no correspondence.

Chairman's Report:

- Rik Thompson reported the "Draft" Update of the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan has been completed and sent to the Interstate Stream Commission for review. Copies of the draft were available for everyone. Rik Thompson explained

the Committee should plan on holding Town meetings in the late fall and early winter. Dates for those meeting should be selected in the September meeting. Bob Stearley, Mayor talked to the Committee about the EBWPC being a partner with the communities within the Basin work on their 40 year water plans and to help the communities find funding for these plans. Rik Thompson suggested the Committee discuss this item when they are discussing the funding the Committee would like to request for this coming year. Rik reminded the Committee he had asked everyone to think about lessons learned during the process of completing the draft update of the water plan. The major lesson Rik learned was the Committee had gotten down to the crunch time of the Committee's deadline he did not feel the Committee got to spend the quality time on writing and reviewing the draft. Brian Greene reported he had talked to David Brookshire at UNM, who is researching Water Banking. He would like to continue an association with the EBWPC and he would like to talk to EBWPC in the near future. This would give the EBWPC a chance to give him some ideas on what the Committee needs. In the future when the EB WPC has money they could talk to him and he would have a better idea on what to propose to the Committee. Brian Greene will invite him to a meeting in the near future and ask him to speak to the committee for about an hour.

Rik asked Dee Tarr to review the expenditures for the funding the EBWPC had received this past year. Dee Tarr gave a report on how the money was spent and gave the EBWPC a copy of the new budget as approved by the Torrance County Commission on June 14, 2006. In the funding from Interstate Stream Commission there had been a previous agreement to pay Corbin Consulting, Inc. - \$10,000 for writing the draft plan; pay Dierdre Tarr to provide 50 copies of the draft plan and make sure the draft plan was in Santa Fe by 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2006. Dee and her staff followed up on the following Monday to make sure all of the invoices were correct and the ISC staff had received the draft update. The EBWPC was reimbursed \$8,500 for the work the committee completed on the draft update. Committee members are going to document their time and work so Dee will have the information in the files if asked about the work completed. Rik and Dee reported it had been very difficult to get the \$50,000 from State Representative Rhonda King spent. At the last EBWPC meeting there had been several ideas on how to spend the fund, but several of them fell through in the week after the meeting. Dee reported the working committee had agreed to allow her to spend \$23,000 of the money on information/education materials to be used in school classrooms; displays with educational material for libraries, city halls, SWCDs and other public buildings. There will be a report due to DFA, so the EBWPC will charge \$3,000 to complete the report due to DFA. At this time Torrance County does not know if they can charge \$1,000 for a fiscal agent fee on this money, but it is included in the approved budget. The website for the EBWPC by WeckTech will cost approximately \$3,000 and this will include keeping the website current for the next year. The City of Moriarty had presented a proposal for \$20,000 to help pay for their 40 year water plan to the EBWPC and it had been approved. It was decided to put labels on all the materials purchased that said "Compliments of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee with funding from Rhonda King and other members of the State Legislature". Brian Greene moved to approve the revised budget. Dan McGregor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Unfinished Business:

Technical and Drafting: The EBWPC decided to set a sixty day review time for the Committee members to get comments back to Dan McGregor on the "Draft" Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update.

Funding: This had been discussed under the Chairman's report. The EBWPC will need to start working on funding for next year.

Review of Contracts: Dee presented a draft contract with a scope of work attached for Corbin Consulting, Inc. for the work completed on the "Draft" Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update. Discussion followed. The EBWPC amended and corrected the contract as presented. Dan moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract when it was approved by the Torrance County attorney and the Torrance County Commission. Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rik Thompson read a proposal from Claunch-Pinto SWCD to provide administrative services to the EBWPC in the amount of \$4,800 per year. Discussion followed. Dan McGregor moved to accept the proposal from Claunch-Pinto SWCD for administrative services. Tom Spindle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monitoring Station – Dan McGregor reported his department has received approval from the Bernalillo County Real Estate Commission to proceed with the Simmons well purchase. Dan hopes to have a transducer in that well by next month. He has not heard from the State Land Office concerning the well on Plant Road.

ACTION ITEMS:

New Business:

Replacement for Torrance County Ag Position: The Committee has appointed Randy Autrey into the Torrance County Ag Position. The Committee still has one more Torrance County Ag Position vacant. Brian Greene moved to ask the Torrance County Commission to appoint Randy Autrey as a Torrance County Ag representative to the EBWPC. Jim Rea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Replacement for Member-at-Large Position: Jim Rea moved to appoint Chuck Ring as the Member-at-Large on the EBWPC. Tom Spindle seconded the motion. Motion carried. This appointment will be effective when the Torrance County Commission appoints Randy Autrey to the Torrance County Ag Position.

The EBWPC has one Torrance County Ag Position vacant at this time. Names were suggested for this position. The Chairman asked that résumés of interest individuals be sent to the EBWPC.

Matching fund-Type Programs from USGS – Monitoring Rain Stations:

Dan McGregor had received a call from USGS that there is funding available through USGS. Any one interested should contact Ted Kelley in Albuquerque. Discussion followed.

Rik Thompson read his letter of resignation effective September 1, 2006 from the EBWPC. He had given this resignation to the Torrance County Commission on July 1st to give the Commission two months to find a replacement. Rik is the Torrance County, Municipal/Developer/Utility Representative. Discussion followed.

Additional Reports:

Meetings Attended:

Public Comment:

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, August 17, 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 11:55 p.m.

/s _____
Rik Thompson, Chairman

/s _____
John L. Jones, Secretary