

**Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee  
Minutes – Regular Meeting  
August 17, 2006**

**Call to Order:** The Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee (EBWPC) regular meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Rik Thompson, Chairman.

**Committee Members Present:**

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| Rik Thompson | Brian Greene |
| Doug Sayre   | Jim Rea      |
| Dan McGregor | Randy Autrey |
| Bud Hagerman |              |

**Staff:**

Dierdre L. Tarr, Recorder

**Guests Present:**

Art Swenka, Chairman Estancia Basin Resource Association  
Jace Alderson, City of Moriarty  
Chuck Ring, Edgewood City Council  
Jimmy Corliss  
Joe Quintana, MRCOG

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Rik asked the Committee to move the Chairman's report to the first agenda item after the approval of the agenda. Brian Greene moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bud Hagerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Chairman's Report:**

- Rik Thompson explained to the Committee he had tendered his resignation to the Torrance County Commission but they refused his letter of resignation. He reported the State Engineer has also asked him to remain on the Committee. He will remain on the Committee, but he does not want to be Chairman when the Committee has its annual elections in October. He has been talking to a couple of Committee members about who could be Chairman. They have some ideas he will share with the Committee at a later date. Rik will be giving a presentation to the Torrance County Commission on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will have the Commission appoint Randy Autrey to the Torrance County Ag position. After this appointment then Chuck Ring can be appointed to the Member-At-Large position at the next meeting. He will also present a copy of the "Draft" Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update to the Commission. The Committee has been taking resumes for the other Torrance County Ag Position vacancy on the Committee. He had Jace Alderson and Jimmy Corliss introduce themselves to the Committee. Rik reported he and staff are working on getting the minutes out and the agenda out three days prior

to the meetings. The amended minutes will be mailed out to the people who don't have internet access and posted to the website. Rik visited with John Jones and he will be providing oversight on the minutes and the amended minutes. Rik is going to propose splitting the Secretary-Treasurer position and the Treasurer will work with staff to track invoices and contracts. He wants someone else to track the contracts since we have a problem with a contract with Jim Corbin on completing the update of the water plan. Rik is going to have Dee compile an Action Item list each meeting, so action items and dates for completion can be tracked. He is working on this system, so the next chairman will have a better system to work with. A week or so before the meeting Dee will meet with the Chairman and/or the executive committee prior to the meeting to plan the next meeting. The plan is on the website. Bud Hagerman had given some notes to Jim Corbin in the June meeting. The Committee would like to have these notes typed up and given to each member of the Committee. Bud and Dee will follow up with Jim Corbin on these notes. Rik, also asked someone to take over the coffee and donuts. Doug Sayre volunteered to take this task over. The executive committee needs to follow up on items and the new executive committee will also need to remember to follow up on items. Rik reminded everyone how important it was for the Committee to draft a funding strategy.

#### **Approval/Amend Minutes:**

- Brian Greene moved to approve the minutes as amended. Bud Hagerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Financial Report:**

- Dee Tarr reported the EBWPC will have approximated \$15,102.70 balance when all of the bills have been paid. The Committee reviewed the problems with their money over the past couple of years. State Senator Sue Wilson Beffort allocated \$25,000 to update of the regional water plan in the 2005 Legislative Session. This money came down to the EBWPC through the Interstate Stream Commission to Torrance County. After numerous discussions Torrance County signed a contract with ISC in March, 2006. No money could be spent out of this contract until it was signed by the ISC and Department of Finance and Administration. The final signatures were obtained on March 22, 2006. Neither Torrance County nor the EBWPC were given a notice to proceed until April, 2006. A draft update of the regional water plan and all invoices had to be on ISC's desk by June 16, 2006. State Representative Rhonda King allocated \$50,000 special funding to the EBWPC through DFA and Torrance County during the 2005 Legislative Session. After working several months with Torrance County and the Department of Finance and Administration the money was finally located in December, 2005. Torrance County signed a grant agreement during the last week of December, 2005. The Torrance County and the EBWPC were not given a notice to proceed until March, 2006. The \$50,000 had to be spent by June 30, 2006. The EBWPC had not been willing to formally contract to start the draft update of the regional water plan or begin implementing their approved budget for spending this money until they received notification the grant agreements had their proper signatures and were in place to begin draw downs of the money. The EBWPC has learned many lessons

during the past two years on funding issues and hopes these problems will not occur again.

**Correspondence:**

- Dee reported the correspondence was two resumes for the vacant position on the Committee. She will make copies of the resumes and mail them out to all of the Committee members for their review.

**Staff Report:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Funding** – The Committee discussed priorities for funding. The Committee identified the following funding priorities:

1. Funding to a contractor to have on retainer for assistance to the Committee on an as needed basis.
2. Funding for Education – Booth in schools, county fair, etc.
3. Funding for public meetings to discuss the “Draft” update of the regional water plan
4. Funding for Water quality testing to establish a base line
5. Review the “Draft” update of the regional water plan to pick out tasks to be funded
6. Set up a calendar for the Committee to know the dates they need to ask for funding and the appropriate entity.

Bud Hagerman, Chairman appointed the following people to the Funding and Budget Sub-Committee: Randy Autrey, Chairman; Chuck Ring, Art Swenka, Jim Rea and Jimmy Corliss. The sub-committee was asked to have a report at the next meeting of the Committee on September 21, 2006. Dan McGregor told the sub-committee if they needed an hour or two of his time he would be willing to work with them, but the majority of his time is going to be spent working with Jim Corbin incorporating all of the comments into the draft update.

**Discussion of Review of Draft Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan**

**Update:** There was discussion on the draft plan. Dan McGregor explained his understanding of the contract with ISC was the Committee would give them the draft plan and they would submit their comments back to the committee. Doug Sayre will follow up with ISC to see when the EBWPC will receive the ISC comments on the draft plan. Chuck Ring pointed out the Water Rights Analysis section was to be given to the Committee by June 30, 2006 by Jim Corbin. Dee Tarr will follow up on this with Jim Corbin. Bud Hagerman reminded everyone to please send their comments to Dan McGregor as they have them ready.

**Monitoring Station** – Dan McGregor reported Bernalillo County has completed the purchase of the Simmons well. The purchase had taken so long they have had to issue another RFP for the monitoring work. Bernalillo

County is still waiting on information from the State Land Office concerning the second well they are looking at for their monitoring program.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

| Name of Person   | Action Items  | Completion Date   |
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| Dee Tarr   | Make copies of the resumes of people interested in the Ag Position on the EBWPC. Mail them to Committee members                         | Copies were made during the meeting of 08/17/06 and given to the members present; copies will be mailed on 08/18/06 for the members of the Committee who were not present. Resumes will be copied and mailed to all Committee members as received in the office |
| Bud Hagerman   | Follow up with Jim Corbin on the notes given to him on June 8, 2006 and see if he can get a copy of them                                | 09/21/06  |
| Dee Tarr & Doug Sayre                                      | Get Rik Thompson on the Santa Fe County Commission Agenda – presentation on Committee activities and request for funding                | Within the next month   |
| Randy Autrey – Chairman – Funding and Budget Sub-Committee | Have a progress report on the Sub-Committee's preparation of a funding strategy and a budget for FY07 for the EBWPC meeting on 09/21/06 | 09/21/06  |
| EBWPC  | Each Committee member have suggestions ready at the next EBWPC meeting on 09/21/06 for the leadership positions of the Committee        | 09/21/06  |
| Doug Sayre   | Call ISC to see when EBWPC will receive their comments on the Draft Plan Update   | Report to Committee on 09/21/06   |
| Dee Tarr   | Contact Jim Corbin to get a copy of the Water Rights Analysis; when received get the information out to the Committee                   | 09/21/06  |
| Jim Rea  | Will contact Sandia Natl Labs – an update on their progress on project  | 09/21/06  |
| Doug Sayre   | DONUTS  | 09/21/06  |

**New Business:**

**Replacement for Torrance County Ag Position:** Rik Thompson will be making a presentation to the Torrance County Commission to request Randy Autrey's appointment as the Torrance County Ag position on the Committee. The Committee will look at another appointment to a Torrance County Ag position at the September meeting. They will be soliciting resumes of interested persons until the September meeting.

The Committee discussed the reorganization of the committee which will be in October. Bud Hagerman, Chairman asked everyone to have suggestions for the offices by the September meeting. Several suggestions were given on how to solve the problem of having a quorum at the meetings. Some suggestions were: 1) have an alternate for the representative; 2) meet in the evening; 3) meet six times a year – rather than 12 times a year (this would allow subcommittee to be more active and pick up in the interim).

**Additional Reports:**

Chuck Ring gave a brief report about what the Town of Edgewood is doing with respect to a 40 year water plan. They have concluded that a 40-year plan doesn't apply to the Town since they don't own water rights and don't operate a water system – they are seeking a process by which the Town can evaluate the water aspects of development and growth, and ascertain if the water supply has a longevity of at least 40 years. It was suggested that the Town of Edgewood develop a conservation plan. Discussion followed.

Bud Hagerman had Joe Quintana, MRCOG introduce himself. He works with the Water Resource Board. Joe offered to work with the funding and budget sub-committee on their funding requests. He encouraged everyone to vote in November on the state-wide referendum for the Water Trust Funding.

**Meetings Attended:**

**Public Comment:**

**Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, September 21, 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 12:00 noon.

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Rik Thompson, Chairman

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John L. Jones, Secretary